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ONLY SEVEN LEFT IN RACE

— By PAUL DEAN —

Without being too dogmatic about it, five teams can safely abandon their semifinal hopes: South Coast, St. George, Melita, Canterbury and Manly.

A probable minimum of 27 points — perhaps more — will be required to reach the first four and that target, with only eight rounds to go, is clearly beyond South Coast and Co.

Hakoah can be regarded as certain semifinalists — and very probable champions — while Pan Hellenic's first-four prospects are also extremely bright.

The other two berths are still open.

In the relegation drama Canterbury are gradually pulling clear of their arch-rivals, Manly, though that issue is still far from settled.

Although not very rich in points, neither Melita nor St. George should seriously worry about relegation.

Forgetting Hakoah and Pan Hellenic for the moment as

they are clear of the field, the main beneficiaries of the last round were Prague, Yugal and Croatia, all of whom collected maximum points.

Polonia suffered their fourth straight defeat and look shaky even in the fifth position while South Coast, losing their third home match in a row, have dropped out of the picture completely.

The weekend also saw the sad but almost inevitable ending of whatever hopes St. George might have entertained for a grandstand finish: their latest defeat must have paid put to their 1968 chances.

The survey of the point-collecting sequence of teams reveals some interesting facts.

Yugal's tremendous run is the most remarkable of them all: in their last seven

matches they have collected 12 points and have remained unbeaten; in their first seven games all they netted was three points.

Hakoah are moving towards the championship title relentlessly: still unbeaten, they have collected 12 points in their first seven and 12 points in their last seven games — a truly splendid proof of their consistency.

Polonia's demise is spectacular. Of all the teams, they had the longest winning run — five in a row — then played two draws and lost their last four games.

South Coast's record is not far behind them; in the last seven matches they only managed three draws and lost the others, including three at home.



NEW ANTI-FIFA MOVE

There is renewed agitation among some Sydney clubs to withdraw from FIFA, soccer's world governing body.

It is well known that at least some clubs would like to return to the old days mainly in order to reinforce their teams with overseas name players — without paying transfer fees.

Those with short memories should remember the difficulties Australia had in getting back into FIFA.

Clubs who can be easily influenced by illogical reasonings should also remember that last time ALL clubs had to pay for the poached players of a FEW.

It's a sad reflection on our game that our clubs can lead such double-lives with such a flexible conscience.

On the one hand they boast about the "big things" they are doing for the development of Australian soccer; on the other hand they are ready to plunge everything into chaos.

The implied attitude of some Sydney club officials is that under the existing system they simply cannot solve soccer's local problems without a fresh wave of "piracy".

This newspaper is opposed

to any move to quit FIFA, chiefly because such a step would be an admission of our inability to run the show within the legal framework, as all other countries do.

HIGHLIGHTS from last Saturday's record crowd-breaking Pan Hellenic v. Polonia match. Above: Greek idol Loukanidis collides in mid-air with Dzialach in a clash of heads. Right: Drewniak foils Smith and Karyannis. Pan Hellenic won the match 1-0.

NSW Federation First Division

TEAM	AGGREGATE							HOME							AWAY							NEXT OPPONENT
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	
Hakoah	14	10	4	—	32	12	24	6	5	1	—	15	5	11	8	5	3	—	17	7	13	APIA *
Pan Hellenic	14	10	1	3	26	12	21	8	7	—	1	18	7	14	6	3	1	2	8	5	7	Yugal
Prague	14	8	2	4	29	19	18	6	5	1	—	13	1	11	8	3	1	4	16	18	7	Canterbury
APIA	14	5	6	3	24	20	16	6	3	2	1	10	7	8	8	2	4	2	13	13	8	Hakoah
Polonia	14	6	3	5	19	18	15	8	3	2	3	12	13	8	6	3	1	2	7	5	7	Manly *
Yugal	14	6	3	5	20	20	15	8	3	3	2	10	9	9	6	3	—	3	10	11	6	Pan Hellenic *
Croatia	14	6	2	6	21	24	14	6	2	2	2	8	9	6	8	4	—	4	13	15	8	South Coast Utd. *
South Coast Utd.	14	4	4	6	28	22	12	7	4	—	3	23	12	8	7	—	4	3	5	10	4	Croatia
St. George	14	4	3	7	13	18	11	8	2	2	4	7	13	6	6	2	1	3	6	5	5	Melita Eagles *
Melita Eagles	14	3	4	7	12	20	10	7	—	4	3	7	12	4	7	3	—	4	5	8	6	St. George
Canterbury	14	2	3	9	15	37	7	6	2	1	3	8	12	5	8	—	2	6	7	25	2	Prague *
Manly	14	1	3	10	15	32	5	9	—	1	8	5	19	1	5	1	2	2	10	13	2	Polonia

Bitter Melbourne attack on A.S.F. policies

Statement by John Gorton, Deputy Chairman, Victorian Soccer Federation Board of Management at the half-yearly general meeting. We have refrained from adding our comment. However, the ASF is welcome to reply. — Editor.

Members will no doubt be deeply concerned at our treasurer's half-yearly report, and to learn the disturbing news that not only are we now budgeting for a deficit in excess of \$13,000, but that this deficit has only been kept as low as this by the slashing of our original budget, and the elimination of many items which we originally considered necessary, and indeed many items which are vital to the progress of soccer in this State have been either eliminated or drastically cut.

A cut of \$5,000 on assistance to schools, and \$800 on publicity are retrograde steps forced upon us.

It must therefore be emphasised that the only way in which we have been able to budget for a deficiency, and still remain a financially solvent body is by the exercise of proper budgeting and financial controls in the previous two financial years, and the prudent accumulation of reserve funds in these two years.

Unfortunately, however, due to the structure of soccer administration in Australia as a whole, it is impossible for Victoria, or indeed any other State, to be in control of its own destiny, and I am bound to say that in the affairs of the Australian Soccer Federation there is no evidence of sound planning, financial or otherwise, as exists in the State of Victoria.

TAIL-WAGGING

It may be said that the Australian Soccer Federation belongs to and is run by the State Federations, but by the very nature of its constitution the control of the ASF is effectively in the hands of the smaller States, and in this organisation the "Tail Wags the Dog".

As a result it lacks the dynamic leadership that an organisation of this type needs and any attempt to introduce any change in the leadership in the past two years has been most effectively frustrated.

A study of the accounts of ASF and our own financial affairs reveals very quickly that at this stage of our development we rely to a very great extent on the visits to this country of teams from overseas; and we should for instance be eternally grateful to Sir Matthew Busby and his European Champions, Manchester United for touring Australia last year on favorable terms that provided us with an excellent return on our outlay.

PIG-HEADEDNESS

Having recognised our dependence on this type of income, however, it appears that no long-term planning of this facet of ASF operation has been undertaken, and by the nature of its control over the States it makes it difficult for us, as the State of Victoria, to promote our own tours by overseas teams, possibly in co-operation with other leading States, for our own financial advantage.

Unfortunately this attitude, amounting to pig-headedness on the part of the ASF, has apparently led them to believe that because expensive eight-match tours by Roma and Manchester United were such

huge financial successes, in spite of their high costs consequent upon a four to five week stay in Australia, that it must follow that a similar tour by Cardiff City would also be successful.

A moment's simple thought would show that the logic of such an argument is so stupid that the ASF administrators could not have demonstrated more clearly their own incompetence.

Manchester United and Roma were world-famous teams attracting immediate interest and appeal, capable of selling themselves to the public, a feature not attached to the name of Cardiff City.

We wanted to organise a Cardiff City tour on a short three or four-match tour, with a one-night stand only in our State to the financial benefit of this and other States, and such a tour would have been a success, as is illustrated by the 16,000 attendance at their first game in Melbourne, and a disastrous 2,000 — 10 days later.

Each day more than necessary by a touring team spent in Australia loses \$1,000, and any business showing such a disregard for money would soon go into liquidation, and believe me gentlemen if we continue to attach ourselves to the ASF we will soon be in that miserable position.

Two years ago the ASF published a confidential document outlining the plans of certain gentlemen in that body for the future organisation of soccer administration in Australia.

ROCKING THE BOAT

Basically it eliminated completely the State Federations in favor of one autonomous Australian Soccer Federation with branch offices in each State.

The mal-administration apparent in the present ASF and its inept leadership makes any such scheme ludicrous, or perhaps we underestimate them — they don't mean to take us over, they want to destroy us first to remove any opposition.

Incidentally, perhaps I should make it clear that the first \$20,000 profit on visiting teams is retained by the ASF and any balance is then distributed to the States.

We supply the State teams for the visitors to play, at our own expense, we organise the presentation of the matches, we look after the visitors — all for nothing, and finish up making a \$3,000 loss — we must be mad — but when we try to change it we are accused of rocking the boat.

We suggest that we buy a portion of the tour for a fixed fee, present the game and retain the income, but the smaller States use their voting-balance of power and it is not accepted.

Let us face facts — the ASF is a disastrous failure as far as we are concerned.

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SYDNEY CLUB PATROL

GEORGE YARDLEY, the former St. George ace is fit again. From his home near Liverpool Yardley writes that x-rays have shown that his injured kidney has healed up. He expects to resume training soon and be ready for the start of the English league season in August when he will again turn out for Tranmere Rovers — unless transferred in the meantime.

The new SOCCER OVAL at Pennant Hills which Hornsby-NE is building will be completed in about three weeks time. It is hoped that the first competition match to be played there will be Hornsby-NE v. Bankstown.

KARL JAROS and North Sydney-Inter have parted company and as Norths paid only a deposit to Melita Eagles for his services, the deal has been cancelled and Jaros is still a retained Melita Eagles player.

The NEW ENGLAND Schoolboys' team suffered a blow when their outstanding goalkeeper withdrew from the team just prior from their departure from Massachusetts. A two-marker at golf, he decided to compete in the US Junior National Open instead.

LONG LOST FATHER FOUND

Some interesting claims were made last Saturday morning on Channel 9's sports show, when NSW president Jim Bayutti was interviewed by Ron Casey and former freelance journalist Tom Rogers.

Both Casey and Rogers were adamant that soccer is being promoted "only for the migrant communities".

Casey was highly critical of foreign-named clubs and said: "Please count me out..." until these become Australian names.

Strangely enough, Rogers was even critical of St. George-Budapest not fully dropping the "Budapest" tag; a few years ago the catchery was to "reverse" the double-barrelled name, now, of course, the new demand is to drop the second altogether...

But the claim to take the cake was made by Rogers.

Jim Bayutti was saying to him: "You were part and parcel of the break-away..."

Replied Rogers modestly: "I started it..."

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West's full-time soccer secretary, GEORGE STREET-ER, has the task of providing the club with a group of Australian professional players by the time the Magpies reach First Division. They aim to meet the quality of the best players from overseas with the local product. Characteristically, Wests will only consider themselves successful when dozens of Sydney clubs make the same type of Australian-born professional programme work for them also.

BLACKTOWN's first annual Ball will be held at the Blacktown Civic Centre on August 16. Details from Dick Lincoln (622-6489).

The missing AMIGOS... St. George-Budapest still don't know what has happened to their two Argentinians, Hector Puelbas and Adolfo Sanguinetti who last weekend again failed to arrive.

NEW LAMBTON, one of Newcastle's most promising First Division clubs, will shortly be opening their new ground, Wallarah Oval. Most Newcastle clubs OWN their grounds. How about that, Sydney?

Western Suburbs Soccer Club Ltd. president, GEORGE GIBSON, believes that their professional programme is already starting to bear fruit. A case in point is their Newcastle player, Peter Pont, who is continually developing his scoring potential.

President of the NSW Combined High Schools AAA, MERV ALLEN, Headmaster of Crows Nest High School, was an interested spectator at the NSW v. New England (USA) match at the Sydney Athletic Field last Saturday night.

One more, no more — that is the new policy of POLONIA regarding further importation of players from Poland. They are expecting a useful forward who will be the last to be brought out to Australia.

Foot-tennis

Results of last week's quarter-finals at the St. George-Budapest Club:

Tamandl-Sagi d. Wesely-Schwarz 21-18, 21-12; Stegbauer-Schaefer d. Hegyes-G. Warren 21-14, 21-15; Edwards-Jones d. Lang-Rafanelli 21-16, 21-19; Schauman-Zuckerman d. Yaeger-Watkiss 19-21, 21-17, 21-12.

The semifinal draw for next Monday is: Zuckerman-Schauman v. Tamandl-Sagi and Edwards-Jones v. Stegbauer-Schaefer.

A special meeting will be held at the BANKSTOWN SOCCER CLUB on July 23 to discuss the extensions to the club premises.

JOHN HOLLAND, former Granville secretary and now a keen soccer man in Canberra, has been chosen as manager of the ACT under-16 team for the National Youth Championships in Melbourne in August-September.

Don't forget that Croatia's home match against arch-rivals, Yugal, will be played at LAMBERT PAK on Sunday, August 4.

The NEW CALEDONIAN "over-35" team meets their St. George-Budapest counterparts in the early match at Hurstville Oval on Saturday. The New Caledonians will be the official guests of the St. George-Budapest club during their brief visit. The visitors will be officially welcomed at a "New Caledonian Night" at the Mordale club premises on Friday.

Sutherland have installed a brand-new 18x8 scoreboard at SEYMOUR SHAW PARK. The club hopes soon to circle the playing field entirely with advertising panels.

NIGEL SHEPHERD created history of sorts last Saturday. It was the first time Croatia won a competition match when the Australian international captained the side in Jack Curry's absence.

St. George's TIBOR ZUCKERMAN has moved into a new home at Chatswood.

The inaugural CONFERENCE of the Australian Soccer Referees' Federation was held at Soccer House, Melbourne, on June 29 and 30. Eighteen delegates representing all State Referees' Associations attended a meeting chaired by Ian McAndrew, secretary of the ASF. This meeting was completely financed by the various State Referees' Associations. The constitution has been adopted, executive office bearers elected and the Federation is now considered fully operative. Subcommittees have been formed to consider and standardise all facets of refereeing throughout Australia. It is the intention of the Referees' Federation to seek affiliation to the Australian Soccer Federation, and to promote methods of improving the status and standard of refereeing at all levels. The executive office bearers elected were: President: G. Pedler (Victoria); Secretary-Treasurer: A.W. Halls (NSW); Registrar: W. Bates (Victoria). A further conference will be held in Sydney on October 26-27.

St. George-Budapest has decided to support an entrant in this year's MISS AUSTRALIA quest.

TONY DOVE, the under-23 NSW representative forward, is due back from England very soon. Dove, who returned home 18 months ago, telephoned Croatia secretary Lionel Brown last week to inform him of his imminent return.

Punchbowl High defeated Gympie High 4-2 in a thrilling TASMAN CUP tie at Sydney Athletic Field last Saturday night. Ken Scully (3) and L. Durtanovich (1) scored for the winners, and G. Manser and K. Howlin for the losers. Three Punchbowl players, S.

Wilkes, J. Hargraves, and K. Scully, are regulars with Bankstown Second Division club. Against a background of vociferous barracking, the contest had a quality which would have made many First Division teams pale in comparison.

Former St. George-Budapest coach, LAURIE HEGYES, is now coaching the St. George under-14 and under-15 representative teams.

A benefit dance will be held at the Bankstown Soccer Club Limited on Wednesday, July 20, for the family of the late FRED THOMPSON, a referee who passed away two weeks ago while refereeing a game at Bankstown.

STOP PRESS

THE CANTERBURY v. PRAGUE MATCH THIS WEEKEND IS PLAYED AT ARLINGTON OVAL ON SATURDAY, NOT SUNDAY.

REFEREES

Croatia v. SCU — A.R. Brown; St. George v. Melita Eagles — J. Henkelman; Hakoah v. APIA — A. Boskovic; Canterbury v. Prague — M. Buchanan; Yugal v. Pan Hellenic — H. Parsous; Polonia v. Manly — L. Rae.

State U-16 trials on Sunday

Final selection trials between City and Country under-16s will be held on Sunday at Mackey Park, Tempe.

The "Seconds" clash at 11.30 a.m. the "Firsts" at 12.45 p.m. and at 2 p.m. the combined touring team, which will be selected straight after the two trials, will have a run against Hunter Valley.

Sunday's teams are:

City Firsts: Jennings, Szabados, Charles (Manly), Woods, Pollard (Gladesville), Towns, Edmonds (Wests), Amory (Bankstown), Holmes (Sutherland), Hart (Norths), Gardner (St. George), Le Flay (Ku-ring-gai).

Country Firsts: Johns (Armidale); Sheahan (Bathurst), Cook (Orange); Lambert (Tamworth), Boland (Tenterfield), Whitton (Gunnedah); Hidasi (Illawarra), Masters (Illawarra), Winchester (Illawarra), Stuart (Illawarra), Cockburn (Gunnedah), Res.: Luchetti (Illawarra).

City Seconds: Belgre, White (Norths), Knaus, Hoszowski, Gallagher (Southern Districts), McCormish (Gladesville), Sinclair (Granville), Howell, Joyce (St. George), Thornleigh (Ku-ring-gai), Platt (Sutherland), Thoroughgood (Bankstown).

Country Seconds: Hickson (Illawarra); Wilson (Tamworth), Campbell (Ill.); Wilson (Ill.), Bradford (Ill.), Power (Tamworth); Behn (Blayney), Tritton (Dubbo), Wheaton (Armidale), Wybro (Blayney), Henderson (Ill.). Reserve: Pall (Illawarra).

REFORMS MUST START WITH LEADING CLUBS

I doubt if there is another country where more people talk so vaguely about soccer reforms without moving their little finger as in Australia?

If talk could get us anywhere, we would lick England and Brazil combined.

But of course talk is not enough. Thinking, planning and work are required — and that's harder.

European football is progressive, modern, efficient; ours is stagnating, archaic and haphazard.

Many of our leading Federation and club officials travel overseas almost regularly, so we cannot claim complete ignorance and isolation.

Why is it then that nothing is being done? Why is it that none of these men has returned with a single positive idea to reorganise his team management, modernise the training schedules and enter the 20th century?

I have no answer to that. But it's a pity.

First of all, what's the matter with our soccer?

Our teams and players — even the best — are shockingly unfit and under-trained; Cardiff have proved that.

SPADEWORK

They don't play modern, well-thought out football — with one or two exceptions, our weekend matches also prove that.

One of the basic tragedies is that our juniors are not properly trained.

We have thousands of them — but how many train and play under expert guidance?

Most of them don't. Enthusiastic or willing fathers, often brought up on another football code, act as "coaches" and "managers" — and it's in their hands that our uncertain soccer future lies.

So it would seem imperative that clubs and districts engage on a part-time basis as many former or even current senior players as possible to do this spadework.

If you have half-baked juniors, you will have half-baked seniors: nobody has yet developed into a polished, gifted player on his own.

In this aspect the Federation could do great things although much of the responsibility rests with the clubs and the districts.

This is a matter of preparing for the future. What of the present?

We should have at least two or three clubs able to recognise the fact that our present ways of running soccer clubs and teams are inadequate, old fashioned and amateurish.

These two or three clubs should then try to break away from the past — and search for new ways.

Many things would be required. The players should be pressed into harder and more frequent training — in their own interest.

God only knows they get paid very decently for their efforts, surely it wouldn't be too much trouble to train one extra day a week for the same wages and bonuses.

Team managements should be streamlined. At present the run of the mill set-up is that a team has a "coach" and a masseur, then a team manager; above them a committee with president, secretary and committee members.

In actual fact, I don't know of many "coaches" in Sydney in the real sense of the word. I would rather call them trainers.

But many of them — if not most — would require ABOVE them a manager, a boss, to do the overall planning.

What clubs now do is engage a "coach" and hope that he will combine numerous extraordinary qualities in one person: teach soccer, handle men, devise strategy, select teams, plan for the future, maintain discipline and keep the committee in good humor.

There are no such men in Sydney and not many anywhere else.

But we don't want to admit this so we turn around and say that we "haven't got good coaches".

By

PAUL DEAN

Of course we haven't — not in that super-genius class anyway who could perform those duties with equal ease.

We have trainers who could do a very acceptable job — if they were properly directed by an expert manager and if the committees, presidents and rich donors decided to busy themselves with administrative matters instead of interfering in the smallest details with which they are not truly familiar.

IMPORT MANAGERS

We have no such managers? Import them. But the first thing is to recognise the need for these men, make room for them — and then find them.

It costs money? Of course it does. But it wouldn't be half as extravagant as it is to run teams haphazardly, on a day-by-day basis.

And it would certainly get results.

This type of modern soccer management is not new, it's in operation all over the world and can be done here, too, without extra cost.

All that's required is an open admission that there is a need for it and a willingness to meet the need.

This is not a Federation administrative matter; it's up to the clubs to start working towards these reforms.

Professionalism is often and rather mindlessly suggested as the cure.

COMPENSATION

While I agree that it would be nice to achieve a professional set-up, I very much doubt if it is possible.

Three main obstacles are in the way: the cost would be prohibitive, the revenue doubtful and most leading players would be reluctant to change over.

But I am not convinced that professionalism is absolutely essential here.

I would be satisfied if we could transfer from the spare-time status to part-time professionalism.

Because, strictly speaking, our set-up is only spare-time: players train and play AFTER work, when their time permits it.

If these players could get time off from their place of employment one or two afternoons a week, they would be entitled to be regarded as part-time professionals — and their game would improve out of sight.

Can this be done? I am sure at least two or three clubs could do it right away, by placing players with firms which are owned by their patrons or supporters.

The matter of compensation could be worked out in some detail; if necessary, the lost wages should be made up by the club.

But I would regard such expenditure infinitely wiser than whacking big transfer fees which so often go down the drain.

Hungarian newsletter

Fans angry at their "darlings"

— From a Special Correspondent —

Budapest, Tuesday — The Hungarian Football Association has finally made up its mind about the team to go to the Mexico Olympics: it will be a young, "amateur" side.

According to a decision recently announced by the FA, no player who has appeared in the last World Cup will be eligible for Mexico.

This rules out stars such as Albert, Bene, Farkas, Meszoly and others.

However, Hungary will still be represented by many well known fully "capped" international stars such as Szucs, Pancsics, Novak, Varga (Ferencvaros), Dunai, Fazekas (Ujpest), Menczel (Vasas), and Szarka (Szombathely).

The whole of Budapest has known for months that the Hungarian FA is having a terrible dilemma: should they pretend that their first-liners are amateurs — as the Russians did — and send them to Mexico to defend their Olympic crown, won in Tokyo?

Or should they send a younger team, avoid hostile western press criticism — and try to build a team perhaps for the 1970 World Cup as well?

As usual, the solution was provided not by Budapest but by Moscow.

Shamateurism

The full Russian team, taking part in the Olympic qualification matches, surprisingly lost to a very young Czechoslovak "B" team and got eliminated.

Following that, the Czechs have announced that this is the team that they intend to send to Mexico.

So the Hungarian problem was solved: with the powerful Russians out of the way, they could afford the luxury of nominating a squad that excludes Albert and Co. and thus escapes scathing criticism of shamateurism.

Not that Novak or Varga or Dunai is any more amateur than Albert.

All have played for Hungary in full internationals many times but for one reason or another, missed the 1966 World Cup which, mysteriously enough, the Hungarian FA regards

as its own yardstick for professionalism.

The man in charge of the team will be national team manager Karoly Sos.

However, the actual coaching will be done by Dr. Karoly Lakat, of Ferencvaros, who won the Olympic gold medal for Hungary at Tokyo in 1964.

Meanwhile the Hungarian championship continues week after week — amidst the greatest public apathy experienced here since the war.

"Confessions"

Even the ever popular Ferencvaros crowds have thinned out dramatically; against the leaders Vasas at the vast Népstadion only about 18,000 turned up; two years ago this match would have drawn 80,000.

The reason is simply this: Hungarian fans are quietly boycotting matches all over the country.

They have not forgiven their stars for their infamous 0-3 defeat in Moscow, after having won 2-0 in Budapest against their arch-rivals, Russia.

Many fans feel that their pampered stars either threw the match or chickened out in the Lenin stadium — either being an unforgivable sin against Russia.

Now the terraces are deserted and even the big clubs like Ferencvaros, Vasas, Ujpest and Honved, are plainly worried.

Recently one of the young stars, Zoltan Varga had his "confessions" published in a newspaper admitting that many of his colleagues are scared stiff of "physical soccer."

Varga also made a half-hearted appeal to the fans to return and "cheer us back to the top of the European list."

But for the time being anyway, the fans are in a dark mood and not yet ready to be humored.

Maybe an Olympic victory would gain their forgiveness. But that won't be decided until October.

Wanted: Help for our kids

— by DAVID T.F. CHILDS, Secretary, NSW ASFA —

As readers of "Soccer World" are well aware, the NSW Amateur SF Association tries to do its part in the sponsorship and fostering of the code.

We have, for many years and in many areas, spent hours and money to develop players with the idea of promoting them, if of suitable material, to a higher standard in the higher grades of competition such as the NSW Federation and the Northern Federation.

We are proud to know that these efforts are not altogether wasted and are ever confident that the wealth of talent in the State is within striking distance of achieving some measurable success in the representative field.

UNIFORMITY

There are many matters that we, as amateurs, are not altogether pleased with.

However, we are of the opinion that there will never be a successful administration unless those concerned recognise the need for uniformity amongst the clubs and associations that at the moment hold the key to such successes.

We would like to see more interest taken in the districts that we control and more faith in the districts that are not so "city" bound.

We, as an amateur body are the largest sporting organisation in Australia.

This is pointed out not as a boastful claim but as a means of claiming our value to the code in general.

This year has seen a rise in numbers that would have given the average official a few years ago quite a shock.

In particular, the country areas are booming and one has only to visit such areas as Orange, Dubbo, Armidale and Gunnedah to see what is meant.

STATE CUP

The future for the amateur in this State is as good as anywhere in Australia.

Not only do we have large membership but we also have a reasonable organisation that is succeeding in bringing about a uniformed policy to its members.

Our liaison with other States is good as is our association with the Federations of whom we are constantly in touch and trying to help in the promotion of the game.

Competitions on a State basis are well under way and this year has seen the formation of an Amateur Cup which is being run on similar lines as the English FA Amateur Cup.

As well as this, we continue to hold the Robertson Cup and entries are higher than ever before.

Our State Championship has the largest participation, State-wide, that has ever been achieved with a team in every age group from every Association.

At the invitation of the New Zealand FA we are sending a team of under-16 to tour the Southern Islands in August.

The 10-match program is a most progressive step forward and it is hoped to prove the value of a close international neighbour.

Already we have selected a country squad to play a city squad for the honor of being picked for the tour and this in itself is an example of the strength now evident in amateur ranks.

It can be said with pride that every player in the State has had the opportunity of being selected for this tour.

There is not one area overlooked and should there be a boy in the country of any talent, he will be given the equal chance of any city boy. To send the team to New Zealand is a costly affair and although the hosts in New Zealand are looking after all internal costs, we in NSW must find our air fares.

CONTRIBUTIONS

The Association itself has given \$1000 and it is hoped that the value of having amateurs capable of such a tour will induce the soccer-minded people of the State to help find the remaining costs.

Under normal circumstances we are self-supporting and seek little help from others.

However, the program set down for the year in regard to fostering country areas has left us in a position of need and we are therefore compelled to seek outside help.

If any reader of "Soccer World" can assist in this regard they will have helped tomorrow's men of soccer.

The tenth year of publication of "Soccer World" is indeed a proud record.

We in the NSW ranks of the amateurs wish it a further 10 years of successful publishing and trust that during that time we may contribute to its success and play a part in the world's No. 1 football game.

● The significance of the above tour can not be over-emphasised: these boys are the champions of the future.

We feel that every club and district should help these boys get to New Zealand to show the flag.

All contributions towards this fund should be sent to the Secretary, David Childs, 20 Myrtle St., Rydalmere, 2116.

Sums of \$10 and over will be publicly acknowledged in "Soccer World".

Lucky with Loukanidis

Wentworth Park last Saturday was rife with rumors, whispers and speculations about the terms of newly arrived idol, Takis Loukanidis.

One version said that Loukanidis will be getting \$500 a match on top of the luxury flat where he and his wife are staying.

Another source claimed that his stay in 1968 will cost Pan Hellenic close to \$10,000 what with air travel, signing on fee and bonuses.

Also there seem to be two equally strong versions as to the period of time Loukanidis intends to spend here.

A well-informed Greek source claims that Loukanidis will stay only for about three months, maybe less, then return to Athens and his club, Panathinaikos for the start of the 1968-69 season.

Pan Hellenic, however, insist that the player is here for two years at least.

Judging by his most skillful, though understandably cautious debut, he is welcome to stay here as long as he likes.

Against Polonia Loukanidis showed many glimpses of the class which lifts him well above Sydney's average standard.

And as he is certain to improve vastly in the next few weeks, it seems safe to say that Pan Hellenic have gained the services of a very intelligent, polished and good-tempered player, not just a big-name idol.

— P.D.

FLOTTA LAURO

SYDNEY RESULTS AND DETAILS

RESULTS & SCORERS

HOW THEY LINED UP

SUMMING UP THE MATCHES

COACHES COMMENT

P. Hellenic

1 (1)

Karyannis 37 min.

Clarke 3, Johnston 4, Hignett 4, McCulloch 4, Cole 4, Westwater 3, Blitz 3, Karyannis 2, Loukanidis 4, Smith 4, Kakakios 2.

TOTAL: 37

Coach: W. Tamandi

Polonia

0 (0)

Drewniak 5, Addison 3, Skiba 3, Adamson 3, Dzialach 4, Komoder 4, Povey 2, Minol 4, Urbaniak 2, Krawiarz 3, Calphy 3.

TOTAL: 36

Coach: G. Azzopardi

Manly

0 (0)

Tuinman 3; McGrath 3, Brooks 3; Jones 2, Campbell 3, Jagger 3; Nutt 2, Maloney 2 (Harris 1), Hendry 3, Hughes 2, Waller 3.

TOTAL: 29

Coach: D. Adrigan

Croatia

2 (2)

Reynolds 40 min., F. Cush 42 min.

Corry 3; Lincoln 4, Sloan 3; Clarke 3, Shepherd 3, Page 3; Reynolds 5, Wright 4, J. Yaager 3, R. Cush 3, F. Cush 3.

TOTAL: 37

Coach: W. Vrolyks.

Sth. Coast

3 (1)

McGarry 17, 76 and 78 mins.

Astill 2; Barnes 3, Cuthbert 3; Anderson 3, Davies 3, Kelly 3; Beattie 3, McGarry 5, Tolson 3, Alston 3, Paterson 3.

TOTAL: 34

Coach: J. Kelly.

Hakoah

5 (2)

Hillsdon 35 min., Baartz 36 and 62 mins., Spilarewicz 74 min., Jones 87 min.

Fuzes 3; Stewart 3, Hillsdon 4; Watkiss 4, Marnoch 4, D. Yaager 4; Fekete 3, Spilarewicz 3, Barnett 3, Baartz 4, Jones 5.

TOTAL: 40

Coach: D. Holden.

A.P.I.A.

1 (1)

Campana 39 min.

Taylor 3; Van Blerk 4, Ackerley 4; Hughes 3, Sambrook 3, Bottalico 4; MacKinnon 3, Campana 5, Giacometti 3 (Santoro 4), Campbell 4, Sileoni 4.

TOTAL: 40

Coach: A. Iglesias.

Canterbury

1 (1)

Stripells 21 min.

Demopoulos 5; Whitehead 4, Hardie 3; Stripelis 4, Taylor 4, Galbraith 3; Romanos 3, Kauz 4, Hood 3, Massi 3, Ninaus 4.

TOTAL: 40

Coach: H. Ninaus.

Prague

1 (1)

Armytage 37 min.

King 3, Harcombe 4, Tracey 4, Blacker 3, Zeman 5, Molnar 4, Gauto 4, Manuel 3, Scheinflug 4, Hoggart 3, Armytage 4.

TOTAL: 41

Coach: J. Venglos

St. George

0 (0)

Haffey 4, Nuttall 3, Hillary 4, Schaefer 4, Morgan 4, Zuckerman 3, Harris 3, Cliss 2, Warren 3, Sandell 2, McCue (injured 20th min., replaced by Clarke 2).

TOTAL: 34

Coach: G. Polgar.

Melita E.

0 (0)

Eaton 3; Woods 4, De Bruin 4; Robinson 2, Duffy 3, Hewlett 4; Goldie 3, McDonald 2, Azzopardi 2, Thorne 3, Wollowczyk 4 (Edwards 2).

TOTAL: 34

Coach: J. Vlasits.

Yugal

2 (1)

Edwards 9 min., J. Alagich 68 min.

Ljajich 4; Pacanin 4, Crnich 4; Lang 3, Banicevic 4, Rafaneli 3; J. Alagich 4, M. Alagich 3, Halpin 3, Edwards 4, Volar 2 (Bobic 3).

TOTAL: 38

Coach: F. Dunaj

Match rating: * * *

Only the unusually large Saturday crowd, anxious to see their newly arrived idol and a polished debut by Loukanidis himself have saved this match from complete boredom. The two sets of forward lines malfunctioned for most of the match; Polonia, for example, didn't even have a really good scoring chance. Pan Hellenic could have won by a wider margin but for Karyannis who, with flailing arms and legs, again missed sitters. Towards the end Polonia regained their composure and attacked, but without really believing that they would score. Which they didn't.

Crowd: 11,500.

Referee: K. Lockrey.

— PAUL DEAN

Match rating: * * *

On so many occasions the gallant Manly have just been beaten by the odd goal, but against Croatia they were outclassed for most of the match. Croatia's first goal was a gem from Reynolds — the best player on the field. Almost straight from the kick-off Croatia were two-up and had the match in the bag. The second half saw Manly's usual all-out attack, but Harris managed to blast the ball twice over the empty goal from a few yards out. Manly's forward-line gave the worst display of shooting seen this season. Even though they attacked strongly, Corry was only called upon once to save. All in all, a disappointing match for an equally disappointing crowd.

Crowd: 956.

Referee: A. Boskovic.

— EDDIE EVANS

Match rating: * * * *

Starting like a house on fire, South Coast for the first 30 minutes seemed capable of ending Hakoah's long unbeaten run. However, just when they looked like getting on top, perhaps for good, Hakoah equalised, somewhat luckily, and a minute later Baartz scored a gem of a goal to put Hakoah in the lead before halftime. From then on Hakoah asserted their superiority in no uncertain manner, displaying excellent, forceful football which netted them another two goals. At 4-1 South Coast were awarded a penalty when Marnoch handled. This goal galvanised United, who quickly added a third when the effervescent McGarry completed his hat-trick. But before the provincials could raise their hopes too high, Jones — the best Hakoah player on the day — made it 5-3 for the visitors. The final result was a good indication of play as Hakoah were, overall, a two-goal better team despite Astill's lapses.

Crowd: 3,300.

Referee: A. Faraone.

— LINCOLN WALTERS

Match rating: * * * *

The first round clash between these teams was all APIA after 40 minutes. This time, the Berries shocked their more polished opponents to a full stretch effort over 90 minutes. More punch from some forwards could have brought a win. Ninaus, deprived by time of his speed, gave a Baumgartner-like display of ball skills, and set up the goal netted by the remarkably competent Stripelis. Campana reigned supreme in the first half, his interplay with Campbell before scoring being a gem. An exciting match, with hardly a dull spot from whoa to go.

Crowd: 2,568.

Referee: G. Naylor.

— KEITH GILMOUR

Match rating: * * *

Prague had to battle hard in this tough, bruising tie against a still out of form but desperate St. George. The windswept field and the shockingly small, half frozen band of spectators didn't add to the color of the occasion. Prague won because they possessed greater cohesion and some ability to retain the ball at least for periods. St. George lost because their chronically impotent forwards, amazingly enough unchanged after last week's debacle, never really clicked. As it so often happens, a desperate team is also an unlucky one: from an indirect freekick the Saints "scored" near the end but the kick had to be retaken as Prague's wall had moved and the referee had whistled before Cliss' shot entered the net; on the repeat the Cliss magic was gone and with that the points.

Crowd: 1,200.

Referee: J. Stiff.

— PAUL DEAN

Match rating: * * *

There was never any doubt right from the kick-off that Yugal were going to collect another two valuable points and further enhance their chances to make the semifinals. Using the open spaces to good advantage, Yugal were too fast for Melita Eagles who, although they had their fair share of the ball, were completely ineffective in attack. Bill Edwards and Joe Alagich combined well in the Yugal attack to open wide gaps in Melita's suspect defence and both were always dangerous. The return of Pat Woods in the Eagles' line-up strengthened the defence, but forwards McDonald and Azzopardi "bombed" two good chances with an open goal at their mercy.

Crowd: 2,850.

Referee: N. Jones.

— CHARLES SPITERI

Walter Tamandi: "I think we deserved to win. I was very pleased with Loukanidis. He will be a great asset."

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George Azzopardi: "With a little luck, we could have drawn the match. Polonia didn't play too badly at all".

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Denes Adrigan: "Definitely our worst game of the season. How our boys could deteriorate to this extent in the space of a week is beyond me. We had enough second half chances to win".

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Bill Vrolyks: "We have played better and lost before. But it was nice to take both points with a patched-up team. Manly is a team of triers. It would be a shame if they went down".

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Jim Kelly: "We have nothing to be ashamed of. Hakoah is a good team and we gave them a darned good run for their money. For a while in the second half, I thought we were going to equalise".

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Doug Holden: "I'm happy with the way the boys fought back after conceding an early goal. Though South Coast came back strongly towards the end, I was always confident of coming away with the two points after Hillsdon's equaliser, a rather lucky goal I must admit".

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Adauto Iglesias: "Every team APIA plays has a habit of playing better than they would against anyone else. Demopoulos was superb, and saved four shots that no-one else would have held".

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Herbert Ninaus: "Everyone could see what they did, and that was the very job they set out to do. I'm more than pleased with the team."

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Joe Venglos: "A hard, interesting match but the wind made really good football impossible. The importance of the game was visible in the tension of the players".

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Gyula Polgar: "Our defence did its job but the forwards were shocking. There is little hope for us while our two best forwards, Cliss and Warren are out of touch."

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Sam Sammut (team manager), in the absence of Joe Vlasits who was in Perth: "We had our chances, but missed them while Yugal took their opportunities far better".

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Ferdo Dunaj: "We were easily the better team and deserved the win. Our forwards were more dangerous and effective in front of goal than Melita Eagles".

Soccer World, '58-'68

TEN YEARS — my God, how time has run away, making us a little older, a little stouter and grayer but, I often wonder, if any wiser.

This newspaper is 10 years old today. Even in this young country, a decade is seldom a cause for celebration; the world is full of newspapers over a century old, not to mention institutions which stretch back for hundreds of years.

But to those who have labored to put together this newspaper week after month after year, 10 years is a proud occasion to sit back for a quiet puff and take stock.

The fact that even this momentary "rest" has made us work harder than ever is typical of the bug that most journalists suffer from: to do something better than the other fellow.

Today we are handing over to our readers a 20-page newspaper; our regular 8-page sheet plus a 12-page special supplement.

Some sporting newspapers of this kind have bravely attempted 10, even 12-page issues — but 20 again makes history. That much for the issue.

It is inevitable that from time to time we should ask ourselves: is it worth the effort and the trouble?

With all of us on the editorial staff doing our work for "Soccer World" in our spare time — evenings, nights, weekends, sometimes even dawn — are we achieving anything for the game we all love?

We would like to think that the answer is yes. No newspaper can actually have things done but it can induce the right people to do them.

Over the years, a long list of our suggestions — published in the forms of hints, requests or demands

initiated, for the man in the know.

These had to be correctly and precisely informed and entertained.

Many of our readers come from Europe where they were used to reading outstanding sporting publications; people like that couldn't be duped with a few fancy headlines, jazzed up sensationalism and boulevard journalism.

We have never been after a "story" to sell more copies; we are after stories to sell soccer.

That's been our mission in all these years and will remain so for the years to come.

**BY PAUL DEAN,
Editor.**

— have been quietly accepted by the top administrators.

It would be too long and tedious to name them all and our purpose is not the beating of drums. We merely state this fact with great satisfaction.

We have also created a new style of football journalism — a style now adopted by many specialised publications in all States.

We decided long ago that "Soccer World" was meant for the soccer fans, for the

Together with the game itself, we have been through some rough times.

Periodically we stepped on sensitive toes — and were promptly accused of all kinds of vile crimes including being "kept".

But stepping on toes in journalism is again inevitable; people can absorb an almost unlimited amount of praise but only a very limited amount of criticism.

What now, in the next 10 years and after?

First of all, we are convinced that despite all the handicaps and pitfalls, soccer is going to grow, spread, flourish and prosper.

Such a marvellous sport as ours cannot possibly fail; sooner or later the blind will see, the deaf will hear — and the codes now more in vogue in Australia will have to fight for their survival.

People in soccer are the only ones who, through lack of vision and hard work, can prevent this. The future is in our hands.

As for this newspaper, we are not making empty, rash promises of the usual "better, bigger, brighter" type of coverage.

It goes without saying that it is our intention and ambition to keep improving, polishing and enlarging our pages.

Not overnight, not on a fly-by-night basis to dazzle a few credulous readers but in our own solid, rather conservative fashion.

We have appreciated your interest in the past 10 years; your subscriptions, single issue purchases and advertisements have enabled us to exist.

We sincerely hope that you will stay with us for the next 10 years.

We have a feeling it's going to be fun.

A word of thanks

By MARCEL NAGY,
General Manager, "Soccer World"

It fills me with immense pleasure and pride to look back over these past 10 years.

During this period "Soccer World" has weathered its initial teething troubles, survived a number of crises and has managed to grow into the code's most widely read and respected publication.

When we set out to plan and then to produce the first issue, our aim was to provide soccer, the world's most universal and popular sport, with a voice.

And today, 10 years later, our mission is still the same.

At times this voice was creaking, somewhat hesitant, occasionally even too loud — but never mute and never tuned by fear or favor.

From time to time our policies and views differed from those of officials and federations. This is only natural; absolute agreement on all matters relating to human activities is not possible.

But the important thing is that our motives have always been identical: to improve Australian soccer.

I must take this chance to express my most sincere thanks to all those people who, one way or the other, have helped us to reach this birthday.

Here I refer first of all to our ever growing readership in all parts of Australia and to our advertisers.

As we have never sought or received any grant or subsidy, we have always relied on our readers and advertisers for our livelihood.

I also want to thank all those officials who have helped us in our work.

And finally, my thanks go to our writers, correspondents, photographers, printers and others who have been producing this newspaper for the past 10 years.

"Soccer World" has, even in this very short time, developed a tradition of team spirit where one is for all and all for one.

Without that we couldn't have survived the first 10 years and couldn't possibly expect to face the next decade.

FEDERATION
OF SOCCER CLUBS



**The N. S. W. Federation of Soccer Clubs extends to
SOCCER WORLD its sincere congratulations on its tenth anniversary.**

**At the same time, the Executive Committee expresses
the hope that SOCCER WORLD will continue to strive for the same
ideals and goals that the Federation itself regards as its most
vital functions—the propagation of soccer and the betterment of
the code.**

The forces which inexorably brought the NSW Federation into being in 1957 swept away much of the shoddy and second rate from the mainstream of Australian soccer.

Today we have a hundred improvements to which the fathers of the Federation had barely given a fleeting thought when "Soccer World" first hit the news stands in July 1958.

Yet the complexities of soccer development in the Australian environment have given rise to successive waves of optimism and troughs of doubt over the past decade.

What, then, is the up-to-the-minute position?

Has the struggle been in vain — what of the future? Those who were reared in the pre-1958 order see the tremendous gains in all their promise.

Although valid to a degree, comparison with the Australian Association era must give a false picture, because our norm would be set too low.

Where applicable, today's test must be against the best of Asia and the Pacific.

Further, we must be, oh

so carefully, adventuresome in daring to measure ourselves against the best world standards.

The national scene

The top guide to our progress is the position of our national team.

Smarting under the indignity of humiliating defeats against club teams branded as international sides in pre-Federation times, Australia

has thrown its resources wholeheartedly into the quest for greater international recognition.

Since 1965, 20 full internationals have been played, mainly in the East, for 11 wins, seven losses and two draws.

In 1965 we went to Cambodia as World Cup contestants for the first time.

Pioneering has its disappointments, but our conquerors, North Korea, surprised everyone in the finals in England, and showed what a fine football machine had beaten us.

Late 1967 saw Australia successful in South Vietnam's National Day Tournament, an event which placed us with Asia's leading football nations.

Earlier we had proved a stumbling-block to Scotland's second string.

Nationally, we have the heart to succeed.

Successive waves of countless thousands of players in

Organisation and financing of a European tour by the Australian under-23 or under-20 team as suggested by NSW president Jim Bayutti should be the stepping stone to fulfilling our national aspirations.

The Australian Soccer Federation has scored successes in the Australian under-16 championship and the development of the Australian under-23 team in 1967.

The credit for the Australian Coaches Federation lies with the coaches themselves, led by Joe Vlasits and Denes Adrigan, who dared to sing "We Shall Overcome" when faced for many years by the twin spectres of non-recognition and the inability of officialdom to comprehend their important role.

The Australian Referees Society is taking shape, and as Tony Boskovic proved in Saigon, our referees do much better than they get credit for.

To play its full role, the ASF needs:

- A shake-up in administration, and admission of more dedicated soccer and business brains, regardless of State.

- A realization within each State of its present standing, active planning to increase its status within its State, and within the Commonwealth Federation.

- Objective national planning, freed from the calamity of petty interstate parish pump politics.

Financing the code depends upon successful home tours.

Every dollar must be well spent, and every cent of wasteful expenditure must be eliminated.

Major promotions against clubs such as Arsenal (70,000 spectators at one match in Japan in May 1968) must be held here, as well as other matches against top club teams from Europe.

The success of the Everton 1964 tour (51,566 spectators at the SCG), and Manchester United 1967 (30,000 Brisbane, 34,000 Melbourne, and 36,500 Sydney Showground) shows the potential.

Will someone give our developing country centres the chance to play against the New Zealanders?

It is high time that our juniors become established nationally, without waiting for overdue ASF action.

The clubs

The glory of soccer will always be enshrined in the sparkle of its club football.

The inception of the Federation in 1957 brought a

quality of football that had never been enjoyed before.

Len Quested, Leo Baumgartner, Ron Lord, Karl Jaros, Herbert Ninaus, Les Scheinflug, Jimmy Kelly — greats of our football — brought lustre to the game, and fervour to the terraces... Canterbury, Auburn, Prague, Hakoah, APIA...

Crowds zoomed upwards.

Grand Finals, 1960, 17,872... 1962, 26,770... 1963, 30,000... 1964, 22,366.

In Sydney in 1962, 835,000 saw the season's football.

With all the excitement and atmosphere of big time football a job had to be done for the future of the sport.

Back went Australia into the folds of FIFA.

Cut off from the overseas stars, a marked decline took place in the class of football.

Again in 1967 club crowds began to increase, and 16,741 saw a brilliant Grand Final at the Sydney Sports Ground.

Clubs are now building to a more consistent strength, and the cream of Sydney's schoolboy players have taken over the minor grades everywhere.

Some clubs persist in living on borrowed time by not following the St. George-Budapest and Manly-Warringah patterns of establishing themselves in the huge suburban districts.

The coaches are on the track, but we need a figure comparable to Dettmar Crammer.

Club standards increase over Australia, but other States will have to develop junior resources comparable to NSW before the battle is won.

National League

Professional club football could transform Australia into a middle-ranking world football power, and discussions are now taking place.

Promotion of interstate leagues depend upon continuity of a football quality well above Australia's present best, so much care is necessary in making a decision.

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Our soccer has come a long way

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

S.W.
'58-'68

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and congratulates it on its

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extend their sincere

best wishes to

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and congratulates it on its

achievements in the last decade.

The Directors, Management Committee and Players of

HAKOAH-EASTERN SUBURBS

extend their sincere

best wishes to

SOCCER WORLD

on its 10th anniversary

and congratulates it on its

achievements during the past decade.

The Management Committee and Players of

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extend their sincere

best wishes to

SOCCER WORLD

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and congratulates it on its

achievements in the last decade.



JOE VLASITS
National Coach.

NSW and ultimately throughout all States will provide the natural footballers who will enable Australia to scale the forbidding heights of world class football.

Here in 1968, Australia is amongst Asia's best, but the emergence of Japan, and the standing of powers such as North and South Korea and Burma challenge us to increasing dedication to national progress.

By the way, more leading Asian teams must be invited here on promotional tours.

The old adage that time waits for no man has a meaningful ring when applied to Australia's soccer players.

Under our part-time set-up, they can reasonably expect only a few fleeting years at the top before hazardous training — by overseas standards — takes its toll on their reflexes and speed.

This all-too-obvious fact makes the performances of Les Scheinflug and John Curry somewhat remarkable.

The pair have apparently escaped Old Father Time's attentions, and this season, as in the past, have formed the backbone of their respective teams, Prague and Croatia.

They are the only players currently turning out in First Division football, who were doing so regularly 10 years ago, when SOCCER WORLD was but a gleam in the editor's eye.

Hence their qualifications

to make a comparison of the relative standards of local football, and players, of a decade ago, and today.

Scheinflug, whose name is synonymous with Prague, could be forgiven if he were biased on the side of yesterday, but this is not the case.

He regards the overall standard today as higher than 10 years ago.

"It is certainly harder physically, and faster, and I don't think I'm influenced by the fact that I'm that much older.

"In fact, I train harder now than I did when I joined Prague as a 17-year-old winger.

"If you're not prepared to do more than just the two nights a week with the club after you are 25 or so, you are soon finished in top grade soccer," Scheinflug said.

Though he is convinced that things are tougher physically for Sydney's First Division players, he thinks they lack the ball-playing skill of the stars of the late 1950's and early 60's.

"The arrival of Baumgartner, Jaros, the Ninaus brothers, and others, changed the concept of the game here.

"Talking from a purely technical point of view, they were streets above the Australian players then, and, I suspect, now.

"But, with the pace of the game so much faster now, they would find it harder to use these skills — though I'm sure they would overcome this as well," Scheinflug said.

John Curry, at 31 a year older than Scheinflug, but still the mainstay of the Croatia defence, can also talk with authority, having played with Canterbury (for

seven years) and Pan Hellenic before moving to Croatia.

As often happens when a stout-hearted centre-half meets a goal-hungry wing-half, he does not entirely agree with Scheinflug.

He argues, with typical Irish forcefulness, that modern day forward lines hold fewer terrors for defenders than did those of the Baumgartner era.



JACK CURRY

"Why, some of the forwards in Leo's time would go over the top of you to score, then spit in your eye," he says.

**S.W.
'58-'68**

Two 'veterans' beg to differ

"Baumgartner, especially, gave me many a sleepless night.

"You only had to give him an inch and he was away.

"I think the years between 1957 and 1962 were our best."

"The crowds that used to roll up to the turnstiles back me up.

"Ironically, attendances started to fall off after we were re-admitted to FIFA watch," Curry added.

"The clubs could not afford to pay the personality players big money, and, as a result, the people no longer come along to watch," Curry added.

SOCCER'S

COME A

LONG WAY

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Regardless of this, upgrading of big districts in Sydney, such as Sutherland, Bankstown, Liverpool, Granville-Parramatta, Auburn, and Western Suburbs is vital.

Schools and Juniors

Australia-wide, an estimated 139,000 players are fielded.

In 1958 the figure would have been 40,000.

In Sydney in 1967 over 100 High Schools competed in CHS competitions, in up to eight grades, plus many with extra house teams.

In 1958, only 13 High Schools competed.

Today private schools are flocking to the game.

The delightful football played by boys on hundreds of parks gives a line on the future, and the trend must continue.

Country football

Greater efforts must be made in country football.

Players must have more competent town teams, divisional championships, and representative honors.

The State federations have been too introspective; study committees should be appointed to deal with the question dispassionately.

A legacy of the past, the division of NSW into "NSW", "Northern NSW", relations with the ACT, and no Country body, are crying out for reform.

Football grounds

Stadiums with first class surfaces, adequate spectator comfort and floodlighting are conspicuous by their absence in NSW.

Melbourne has Olympic Park, Middle Park, and St. Kilda, and cities throughout the nation have access to proper facilities.

Grounds are often closed to us at vital times for use by sports from cricket to women's athletics; games which usually draw no spectator interest and no worthwhile rentals for the councils or trusts concerned.

A ground like the Sydney Sports Ground would be the making of soccer here.

Despite the drawbacks and certain fairly well-aimed obstructions soccer is Sydney's third top sport, summer and winter included.

And this with only often 5% of the press space given to Rugby League!

The sky's the limit when the press wakes up and starts to promote.

The objectives discussed could be dealt with successfully in a very short span of time.

From there the next decade will see us firmly entrenched as one of the biggest national sports of Australia.

Brains, brawn, dedication, and we will gain the widest acceptance from the Australian public at large.

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THOSE WERE THE DAYS...

— By MAC JEFFERS, first Editor of "Soccer World" —

Created and nurtured virtually on faith alone, "Soccer World" hung tenaciously to life in its early days, its vital spark refusing to be extinguished.

Born in adversity, "Soccer World" had a tough upbringing, until today it can be truly said that its publication fully justified the faith and work of its creators and those who came voluntarily to join its cause.

The idea of a publication devoted to soccer arose out of a conversation 10 years ago between two men while they were watching a game one weekend.

These two men — Marcel Nagy and Denes Adrigan — were dismayed at the lack of publicity given their great love — soccer — by the daily press.

They felt there was a lack of appreciation of the growing importance of the game in the community.

Not only did they feel that soccer should be boosted in its own right as a major sport, but also as a medium for bridging the gulf between Australians and British and European migrants.

Mr. Nagy had had experience of sporting publications in his native Hungary where he held high office in the FA.

Denes Adrigan, a former player himself, a good mixer and a happy wanderer, became the catalyst which brought together a blend of people with soccer and publication knowledge.

He found two young men — Bill Kardos and Peter Andrekovics — who then were just starting up their own printery.

He came to me as a journalist with a background of pioneering publications — Denes and I have been friends since our Mt. Isa days.

He brought in Bob Walker, a former Scottish player and coach and one of the greatest reformers in Australian soccer administration; Jack Gibbons, formerly of Tottenham and a coach of international repute; and soccer administrator and writer Tom Rogers.

This group met at Summer Hill, then the printery site, in June 1958, and decided that "Soccer World" should begin publication the following month.

The breakaway of the NSW Federation from the NSW Association, although established, was still then a contentious subject.

It was decided that the publication would support the Federation as offering the greatest hope for soccer in Australia.

Nevertheless, the underlying idea was to boost soccer, no matter in what circumstances.

Another major decision was that the publication should try to be a common meeting ground for Australians and migrants.

To that end, it was decided that no articles or advertisements in foreign languages would be accepted.

This idealistic outlook was to cost us dearly, as we refused many advertisements in foreign languages.

However, in the light of future developments I feel the stand was justified — although that rule has now been relaxed.

A July publication date was set and we raised a loan of a few hundred pounds to get underway.

Marcel Nagy was appointed editor-in-chief.

Bob Walker, with suburban newspaper publication experience behind him, was appointed manager.

The late Arpad Tuson came in to assist with administration and in many other ways.

To digress, "Soccer World" was originally called "Soccer" with the smaller type appendage "And Other Sports".

It was felt that support could be forthcoming from minor sports which attracted little attention from the daily Press.

This, however, after a time proved impracticable, and it was decided to concentrate wholly on soccer — as far as we know the first publication in Australia to do so in respect of any sport in newspaper form.

The NSW Federation at the time of the start of our publication had a weekly program on sale at grounds under the title of "Soccer World".

However, when it was found that the new publication — the "Green Paper", as it quickly became popularly known — was superseding the program, the Federation agreed that we take over the title and become the Federation's official organ.

The ultimate breakdown of that arrangement for various seasons is another story.

"Soccer World" has always had a Friday date line, but the first issue was flat out to make it even on the Saturday.

Originally, we had prospects only of selling on a catch-as-catch-can basis on grounds where games were being played.

About 1.30 p.m. on a Saturday the first issues of the "Green Paper" began coming off the press.

They were rushed to grounds and we were in business.

But this was not the end of the struggle — rather the beginning.

The printers had to work miracles on their small plant in gaining experience in this type of publication.

The original typesetter knew little English, which meant careful preparation of copy and proof corrections — but even then some strange things got through.

All news and feature articles were being contributed on a voluntary basis by people who all had other jobs.

Jack Gibbons was busy supplying previews and reviews of games.

Bob Walker, with his tremendous missionary zeal, was supplying news and articles and supporting our cause in soccer councils.

Denes Adrigan was busy selling our cause everywhere. Jim Pratt and Jack Matthews, of Newcastle, became contributors.

Tad Targ, Lou Gantier and Einar Persen came forward to uphold our banner.

Then as "Soccer World" advanced outside NSW, Len Stone, of Melbourne, and Len Todd, of Brisbane, came forward to carry the flag.

It must be noted that all these people were working voluntarily in the cause of their favorite sport.

Sometimes they were reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses, sometimes not.

Tad Targ became editor until pressure of business commitments forced him to relinquish the position.

Lou Gantier is now the full-time news editor.

Paul Dean, who joined "Soccer World" in 1960, assumed the responsibilities of editor in 1963.

These people can rightly take a bow for helping create and keep alive a publication unique in this country.

The beginning meant early mornings and late nights — people working before and after their normal occupations to get "Soccer World" on the streets.

We met with criticism and abuse, both inside and outside soccer, and even had ulterior motives attributed to us.

Some of the daily newspaper sporting columnists and radio commentators were bitter critics — as, indeed, they were of soccer in general.

In one quarter this was carried to the extent of regarding us as virtually some kind of subversive anti-Australian organisation.

The early days meant literally sleeping on the job — snatching a few hours sleep in the office between early morning and late night work

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for "Soccer World" and a normal occupation.

There were internal bickerings and policy and financial crises, but through it all commonsense and faith prevailed.

And particularly, the unwavering faith of Marcel Nagy shone brightly.

It is now many years since I relinquished editorial responsibility and more recently relinquished an administrative interest, but am proud to have been associated with the creation of "Soccer World" and have confidence in its continuing progress although, paradoxically, as the first editor of "Soccer World", I was brought up on Australian Rules, and knew nothing of soccer when taking on the job...

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Volume 1, No. 1, July 12, 1958, price 6d. — these appeared under our masthead precisely 10 years ago.

That was our first issue — and it wasn't something to be ashamed of even now, when editorially, pictorially and technologically, we have come a very long way.

Marcel Nagy, then Editor-in-Chief and Publisher, today our General

Manager, wrote an editorial on page one.

"We believe this newspaper has made history in Australia," he said.

"It is the first newspaper ever to appear on the streets of New South Wales, giving people a full local and

world coverage of soccer football.

"This is an independent newspaper, the aim of which is to present soccer news without bias . . ."

These aims have not changed since.

The major story on page

one was on the four-year planning by most countries for the 1962 World Cup.

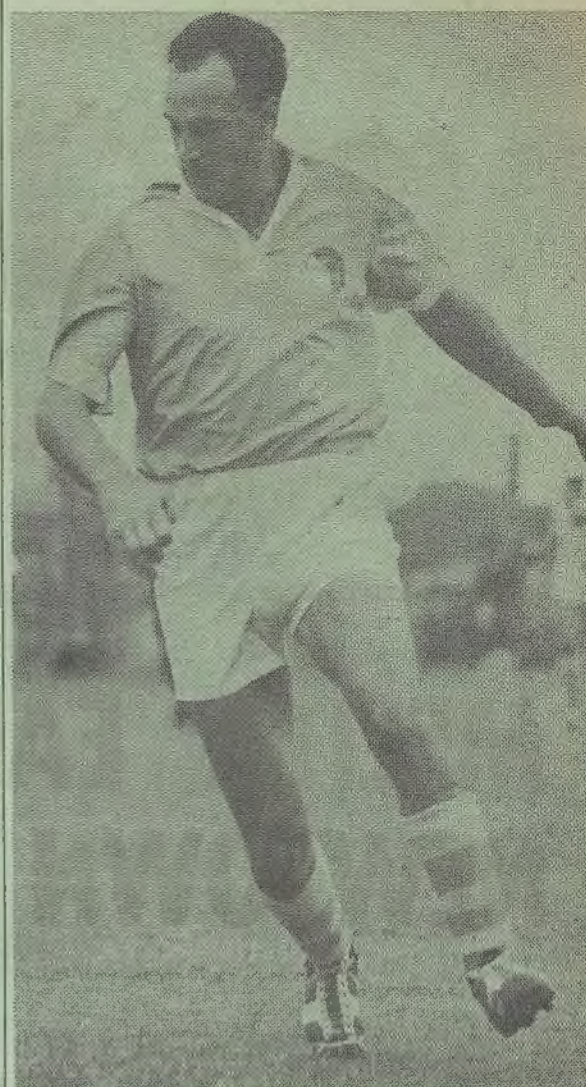
This story might have been the first large-scale feature in Australia on World Cup soccer which, until then, was basically a little known event here.

On page two we listed the weekend programs — as we still do today, 10 years later; as then and now, we have never charged either the Federation or the clubs for this service.

Competition tables and leading goalscorers were also listed there; Auburn were leading from Corrimal after 14 rounds and Queda was heading the list ahead of Baumgartner.

Features occupied page three. Dr. I. Hircsak, later coach of Budapest (today living in London) wrote about the vital role of coaches in team building.

"... a coach should always be able to show what he wants or asks his players to do . . ."



Prague's Mildo Muller, above, was the first Continental migrant to be selected for Australia — against South Africa in 1955.

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"... he must have teaching qualities, otherwise, even with a good professional knowledge, he could fail."

Sam Stern, once a leading referee, outlined in a story the requirements for a good referee while "Isthmian," the first of a long line of pseudonyms, gave a colorful account of the Hakoah v. Gladesville match of the week before.

"Hakoah and Corrimal selected to win big weekend games," said the headline over "Onlooker's" match previews.

Each First and Second Division match was separately previewed — another innovation we introduced in Sydney sports journalism and have kept alive over the years, to be also adopted by the dailies.

Bob Walker, one of our first editors, wrote the lead on page 5: "British Football Needs Overhaul to Meet Growing World Threat."

With unerring accuracy, Bob Walker said that unless British soccer mends its ways and adopts a broader, more modern outlook it will be left behind.

"... British clubs will have to revitalise their thinking and get new ideas if they are to keep pace with the challenge to their world supremacy," Walker wrote with prophetic vision: the British did get new ideas and since then England has won the World Cup, Celtic and Manchester United have won the European Champions' Cup . . .

Arpad Tuson, who died a few years ago, touched on another sore point in his story: "Poor Grounds Big Handicap."

"... the poor condition of the grounds and the lack of lighting severely limits the efforts and opportunities of coaches in giving practical training . . ."

This, regrettably, still applies to most clubs . . .

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THIS WAS THE MATCH I WON'T FORGET

— By LOU GAUTIER —

The best match I've seen? A tricky question considering the hundreds of matches I've attended over the past 10 years.

Was it the spine-tingling all over their stylish opponents.

McClelland and Pretswell, their fullbacks, stood as usual on no ceremony, brushing aside the clever Prague forwards with hard, bruising tackles.

In the midfield, young halfbacks Greenfield and Pettigrew, who was to join Prague later, were gaining a stranglehold on the match, their passes to forwards Lewsam, Robertson, Bellamy and burly Rex Foster splitting the Prague defence wide open.

Goals by Foster and winger Robertson put Gladesville ahead.

It was a fully deserved lead. At that stage Prague were all at sea and seemed headed for disaster.

All these games were memorable, and others also, too numerous to mention, but as I have to settle on one match I will never forget, then my choice must rest on the 4-4 draw between the now defunct Gladesville and Prague in 1959.

The match was a third round championship fixture, played on a Saturday at the quaint Gladesville Sports Ground, now converted into a bowling green.

Prague had started the championship they were destined to win in impressive style with two big wins.

Gladesville were also off to a good start — a win and a draw in their two previous matches.

The stage was set for an absorbing clash between two teams with diametrically opposed styles, but not one spectator in the meagre crowd of 1,500 could have had an inkling of the sensational events to follow.

Even today, some nine and a half years later, the match is still vivid in my memory.

Prague, fielding all their stars — Baumgartner, Tamandl, Sagi and Jaros among others — were warm favorites to subdue a workmanlike, but otherwise pedestrian Gladesville whose players naturally paled in comparison with their opponents' galaxy of stars.

Yet, the match was barely 20 minutes old when Gladesville were two goals up.

Playing fast, furious and fierce football, in the typical fashion of the Gladesville of the day, the locals were

all over their stylish opponents.

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Just before halftime, Gladesville went further ahead, and when Foster scored again to make it 4-0 four minutes into the second half, no one would have given a penny for Prague's chances of pulling the match out of the fire.

COME-BACK

Yet, when the referee blew his whistle for fulltime 41 minutes later, the Gladesville scoreboard showed "Gladesville 4, Prague 4".

What had happened? Simply the most glorious, fulfilling 40 minutes of soccer I've ever seen in Sydney.

Down 0-4, Prague systematically set about the seemingly impossible task of pegging back their huge deficit.

Baumgartner got their first goal after one of those weaving runs which had the crowd on its feet in the days when the "Professor" reigned supreme in Sydney soccer.

The crowd applauded the magnificent solo effort crowned with a hard shot which left the strapping Gladesville goalie, Hough, standing.

Even the Gladesville fans joined in the applause. Their lead, after all, was still three goals, and victory was still very much assured.

There was more warm applause all round when Jaros brought the score to 4-2 after 60 minutes.

But the cheering, from the Gladesville ranks at least, turned to incredulous jeers when 10 minutes later the score-board posted Prague's third goal — an amazing affair!

Darting down the wing, Schwarz, very much the junior partner in the Prague attack then, clearly carried the ball over the line before centering the ball for Tamandl to head into the net.

Having changed ends to get a closer look at the wave of Prague attacks after half-time, I was right behind the Gladesville goal and distinctly saw the ball cross the line by about a yard.

The linesman, whose name I cannot recall, did not raise his flag, however, and the goal was allowed by referee Phillips.

There was no stopping Prague now.

Some 10 minutes later no one was surprised when Baumgartner notched his second goal to draw on level terms.

The boot was now on the other foot and only a miracle could save Gladesville from defeat.

That's what we all thought, but Gladesville rose to the occasion with admirable courage, and try as they may, Prague were unable to score the winning goal.

The last 15 minutes of this unforgettable thriller saw Prague bombarding Hough's goal but the big fellow was unyielding.

Every time Baumgartner, Jaros, Tamandl, Sagi or Schwarz looked like getting the ball into the net, there was either a Gladesville leg, head, knee or chest to clear the danger.

Holding out heroically, Gladesville lasted until full-time when the teams trooped off the pitch deadlocked after 90 minutes of memorable soccer, none of the lucky spectators present will ever forget.

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Sydney, like any other city, has had its fair share of spectator trouble over the years. We have had brawls, even minor riots though it is pleasing to note that these disturbances are getting very rare. Our crowds, however, are among the most colorful in the world. Made up of many nationalities, they are apt to fly off the handle easily. Most, however, only make noise — like these APIA fans at last year's Grand Final at the Sportsground. But judging by their calm posture, these policemen didn't think the situation was too serious at all.

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THIS WAS HIS KIND OF GAME

Referee Tony Boskovic is not one to quibble when it comes to giving a ruling on the soccer field, be it simple or controversial. Ask John Karyannis.

But Boskovic, without a peer as a referee in Australia, had to think hard when SOCCER WORLD asked him to nominate his "most memorable match".

Internationals apart, he settled on the APIA-South Coast Grand Final of 1963.

memory of which still brings broad grins to the faces of local administrators.

More than 30,000 packed into the Sydney Sportsground to see South Coast upset APIA 4-0.

Boskovic, recalling the match, says: "It was a day

soccer officials like to dream about, but which are rare to materialise.

"APIA, with players like Leo Baumgartner and Karl Jaros, were the idols of the Italian community, but the supporters were stunned by the way things went.

"South Coast, with few individual stars, were irresistible, and it was obvious to me, after 30 minutes, that an upset was 'on'.

"South Coast went off at half time leading three-nil, and it would have needed Bobbie Charlton, George Best and Pele to have pegged them back in that frame of mind.

"APIA tried hard, but they were never a chance after the first few minutes, when the pattern of the game was established.

"I think the match proved just how much there is in the old adage, a good team will always beat a team of good players.

"The Coast that day were more than good, they were great.

"One of the things that sticks in my mind was the tremendous atmosphere that was generated by supporters of both sides.

"It had nothing to do with their numbers, though this helped of course.

"The excitement, and flag-waving, reminded me of an English FA Cup Final, though on a smaller scale.

"From a personal point of view, the match was a delight to handle.

"There were the usual fouls, due to tension, in the early stages, but generally it was played in a sporting spirit.

"If only there were more occasions like it," Boskovic said.

SOMETHING ABOUT US

Newspapers, by tradition, seldom talk about themselves. Their function is to report, inform, educate or entertain.

This time, however, we make a small departure from this old rule, partly to explain a few things about ourselves and partly to list, with blushing cheeks, some of our achievements.

Ever since we started publishing, we have been using this green newspaper, imported from Scandinavia. Why green?

Our General Manager and former Editor-in-chief, Marcel Nagy, was many years ago associated with a sporting daily in his native Budapest.

That was also printed on green newspaper and, largely for sentimental reasons, he decided to follow suit.

Now the color has stuck to us; many people only call us the "green paper" or, less affectionately, the "green rag."

Our first masthead 10 years ago said: "SOCCER and Other Sports," indicating that at first this paper was also catering for athletics, swimming, etc.

In February 1959, with Vol. 2, No. 1, the title was changed to "Soccer World" and in May the same year our present-day masthead appeared for the first time.

Our popular "Score-board" feature, summarising all First Division matches in a concise form, was born in 1960 and it was in that same year that we lost in Arpad Tuson one of our most enthusiastic staff members when he died suddenly at a very early age.

Over the years, "Soccer World" has made great efforts to cover big-time soccer.

Our Editors Paul Dean and Lou Gautier have travelled to Adelaide, Melbourne, Brisbane, Canberra and Newcastle to report on interstate or tour matches; we have had in all these centres plus in Canberra, Perth and Hobart regular correspondents for almost 10 years.

Men like Bob Low, Allan Crisp, Alan Newman, Alan Fouche, Ken Dexter, John Holland, Paul McKenzie cover the interstate scene for us as did their predecessors, Len Todd (since dead), Len Stone and others.

To a much greater extent than any other Australian newspaper — including the wealthy dailies — we have been covering overseas soccer ourselves.

In 1965 Lou Gautier travelled with the Australian team to Cambodia on its

World Cup quest and its subsequent Asian tour.

Paul Dean went to England in 1966 to cover extensively the World Cup.

The same year Lou Gautier went to Bangkok for the Asian Games and in 1967 our special correspondent, Martin Royal of the ABC, travelled with the Australian team to Saigon.

Only recently Paul Dean was again in England and Europe from where he covered the European Champions' Cup final and the European Championships.

And to cap off a grand year — rather suitable in a 10th anniversary year — in October Lou Gautier goes to Mexico City to cover the soccer tournament of the Olympic Games.

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It is only with the above in mind that we even contemplated, collectively, to compile a list of "all time best" lists.

No doubt, few will agree with our choices. However, we felt that this special issue presented a splendid opportunity to glance back over the past 10 years. And we have done just that; no more.

BEST PLAYERS

1. Baumgartner
2. Lord
3. H. Ninaus
4. Jaros
5. Watkiss
6. Quested
7. Kelly
8. Scheinflug
9. Dunaj
10. Jeffrey

BEST TEAM

Lord
Mach
Aird
Kelly
Watkiss
Scheinflug
Galeczka
Quested
Baumgartner
Jaros
H. Ninaus

BEST TEAMS

1. PRAGUE 1959
2. PRAGUE 1960
3. HAKOAH 1961/62
4. PRAGUE 1963
5. APIA 1966

BEST REFEREES



1. Boskovic
2. Ipenburg
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4. Parsons
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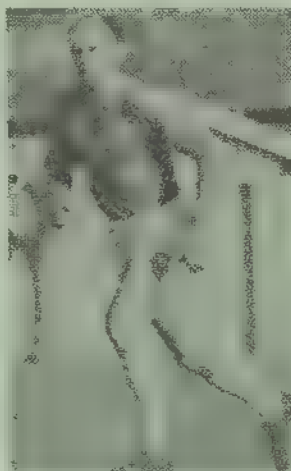
1. Quested
2. Kelly
3. Jeffrey
4. Marnoch
5. B. Harris
6. Aird
7. Hughes
8. Curry
9. Yardley
10. Stokes

AUSTRALIAN - BORN PLAYERS

1. Lord
 2. Watkiss *
 3. Marston
 4. W. Henderson
 5. J. Warren
 6. Moore
 7. Baartz
 8. Salisbury
 9. Madden
 10. Pettigrew
- * Warkiss is included as he came to Australia as a child.

BEST CONTINENTAL IMPORTS

1. Baumgartner
2. H. Ninaus
3. Jaros
4. Scheinflug
5. E. Ninaus
6. Dunaj



7. Mavropoulos
8. Galeczka
9. Tamandl
10. Jelisavcic

BEST TOURING TEAMS

1. MANCHESTER UNITED
2. EVERTON
3. SPARTA PRAGUE
4. SLOVAN BRATISLAVA
5. TORPEDO MOSCOW
6. CHELSEA
7. VfB STUTTGART
8. AS ROMA
9. SCOTTISH XI
10. JAPAN

BEST MATCHES

1. GLADESVILLE v. PRAGUE 4-4 (championship, 1959).
2. PRAGUE v. HAKOAH 6-3 (1961 Ampol Cup final).
3. CANTERBURY v. PRAGUE 5-2 (1960 Grand Final).
4. CORRIMAL v. PRAGUE 4-4 (1958 Ampol play-off 3rd place).
5. ST. GEORGE v. APIA 5-2 (1967 Grand Final).
6. PRAGUE v. AUBURN 8-0 (championship, 1960).
7. CANTERBURY v. PRAGUE 2-2 (last round 1961 championship).
8. YUGAL v. BUDAPEST 4-4 (championship, 1962).
9. PAN HELLENIC v. POLONIA 5-4 (1965 relegation play-off decider).
10. ST. GEORGE v. PAN HELLENIC 6-5 (Federation Cup semifinal, 1964).

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COACH LOOKS BACK ON PAST 10 YEARS

— By Staff Writer —

Ten years ago, with the Federation still in its infancy, the fight for honors in Sydney First Division had resolved itself into a three-way battle.

A check with the first SOCCER WORLD, published on July 12, 1958, reveals that Auburn, under coach George Azzopardi, were clinging to a narrow lead over Corrimal (now South Coast) and Canterbury.

Grand Final winners over Canterbury in 1957, Auburn looked set to add the premiership to their laurels.

Eventually, they finished only third, fading under the challenges of Corrimal and the Berries.

Now, in 1968, George Azzopardi is again at the helm of a serious challenger for the premiership crown — Polonia

Mere coincidence? Perhaps, but it is significant that of all the coaches in charge of First Division sides in 1958, only Azzopardi and Melita's Joe Vlasits remain. Since his days with Auburn, Azzopardi has coached Hakoah, APIA and Croatia, all with a deal of success.

Overseas, soccer has changed radically in this time. We have seen the magnificent individuality of Real Madrid give way to the superb discipline of Inter Milan's "catenaccio."

The changes have not been so noticeable in Australia, however.

Azzopardi, a keen student of coaching, subscribes to

various coaching manuals from the UK and all over Europe.

But he remains a steadfast advocate of allowing his players to retain their individuality.

He says: "I think that the tendency to try to alter a player's style to fit into an overall team pattern is a blight on the game."

"In the case of Australian players, their greatest asset is their physical toughness and stamina."

"In this regard they more than stand up to comparison to European players."

PHYSICAL CONTACT

"If, however, you attempt to make them essentially ball players, the chances are you are left with nothing."

"You can't make a Pele, Eusebio or Charlton out of an Australian boy."

"Don't ask me why, perhaps the answer lies in their upbringing in sports which offer greater physical contact, such as rugby."

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George Azzopardi, standing on the right, with members of Polonia, his current team.

stamina goes a long way towards making up for their lack of ball skill.

"The Auburn team of 1957 and '58 achieved much of its success on this basis."

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Yugal's Ferdo Dunaj and Pan Hellenic's Brian Smith, two of Sydney's most colorful players of recent years, in an aerial duel in 1963

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"It was a fit and fast team," Azzopardi said.

"With Polonia, the situation is a little different — we have plenty of skill in the side, but some of the players are no longer young and we work to overcome this with our particular style of play."

"Even then, this alters according to our opponents."

"Sometimes we play 4-2-4, at other times 4-3-3. We have even reverted, on the rare occasion, to the W-M formation."

"By and large, however, I try not to regiment the team too much."

"The best goals are scored instinctively, it's no use trying to plan these beforehand," Azzopardi said.

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THESE WERE AMONG THE GOALS

Soccer is about goals and goals make news — this may be lamented by defenders but it's not likely to change for a good while, if ever.

Goals kicked, headed, Brian Tristram of Prague, heeled, kneed, breasted and Les Schuman of Budapest and sometimes even fisted are George Yardley of St. George-Budapest

I left Herbert Ninaus, the present Canterbury coach, to the last on purpose.

This well built former Austrian star from Graz, in my opinion, epitomised the art of goal-getting in Sydney soccer.

Year after year, first in Prague then in Hakoah and finally in Canterbury, "Herbie" was the most dangerous and most consistent goal-getter Sydney has seen since the great Reg Date.

Ninaus could hit them home from 35 yards with either foot, from any "impossible" angle; he could head them in from up to 15 yards or he could push them, roll them or bustle them into the net from close range.

He was, I'm sure, the greatest terror of goal-keepers; the way he flew into action, collision or crunching crashes made your heart beat faster.

In a total of 232 matches in Sydney — competition and cups but not including interstate and internationals — he has scored a fantastic 212 goals; his absolute total in Australia must be close to 250.

Ninaus was the last of the great Austrian contingent to retire; he quit this year, following in the footsteps of Leo Baumgartner, Kari Jaros and Andy Sagi (actually a Hungarian but always bracketed with the Austrians as he came to Australia with them from Vienna).

I sincerely doubt if we'll ever see another scorer quite like him; maybe his race is dying out like the American buffalo whose charge couldn't have been more lethal than Herbert's in full flight.

Players who were among the goals but for relatively short periods included Vernon Wentzel of APIA,

— PAUL DEAN

Leo Baumgartner, one of the greatest goal-scorers Sydney has ever seen, vies here for possession with Hakoah's Jock Aird in the 1959 Federation Cup final

WHO'S WHO?

Who is Paul Dean? Does Lou Gautier really exist? Who is lurking behind the implausible name of Einar Persen?

Questions such as these have been asked many times over the years by people who have suspected — at times correctly — that some of the names in our pages are pseudonyms.

Some are and some have been. For a variety of reasons, writers and contributors to this newspaper preferred not to use their own names.

The reason was never terribly exciting or romantic, often rather prosaic and simple: some other newspaper management made it impossible for this or that writer to use his proper name.

Those who had suspected dark conspiracies behind all this had a fertile imagination; those who, at times, decided to "expose" these pseudonyms probably never realized the folly of their efforts.

Pseudonyms have existed and will continue to exist in journalism.

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By Jim Bayutti,
President, NSW
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It gives me great pleasure to congratulate "Soccer World" on its 10th birthday, not only as president of the NSW Federation, but also as one of its first subscribers.

I wish to pay tribute to the founders of "Soccer World" and to all those who have made it what it is today — Australia's leading football publication.

Today is not only a milestone in the life of a newspaper, but also an important event for NSW soccer, whose activities have been mirrored in "Soccer World" since its inception. "Soccer World" is, and will continue to be, part and parcel of the local soccer scene.

Its booming circulation testifies to the important part this newspaper plays in the life of our soccer. For the past 10 years "Soccer World" has offered suggestions, recommendations and at times criticism, always constructive.

Many ideas first voiced in the "Green Paper" have subsequently been imple-

mented on State and national level.

Clubs, players, juniors, referees and officials can all identify with "Soccer World."

Speaking on behalf of the NSW Federation, I wish to thank "Soccer World" for the part it plays in local soccer.

Speaking as an avid reader, I am looking forward to the day, not too distant I hope, when I shall have the pleasure of reading my favorite sports paper at least twice a week, and perhaps every day.

By Ian Mc Andrew,
Secretary,
Australian Soccer
Federation

The Australian Soccer Federation is extending its best wishes to "Soccer World" on its 10th Anniversary issue and congratulates it on its achievements during the past decade.

There is little doubt that "Soccer World" has contributed in an extensive way to soccer development by providing the soccer community with a knowledgeable coverage of the activities and undertakings in the majority of States in Australia.

As the National Association we have been pleased to be associated with "Soccer World," and whilst, at times, we have been the recipient of criticism, we nevertheless appreciate that such has been done in good faith and has been accepted by us where justified in the proper spirit.

"Soccer World" is to be wished every success in the future, and provided it maintains its comprehensive national coverage and national outlook, the Australian Soccer Federation shall only be too happy to continue its close association with the publication.

In more recent years "Soccer World" has extended its publication by the issue of the "Soccer World Annual" which has come to be accepted throughout Australia as a useful addition to the libraries of journalists, sportswriters, radio commentators and the like, as well as being most useful to soccer supporters.

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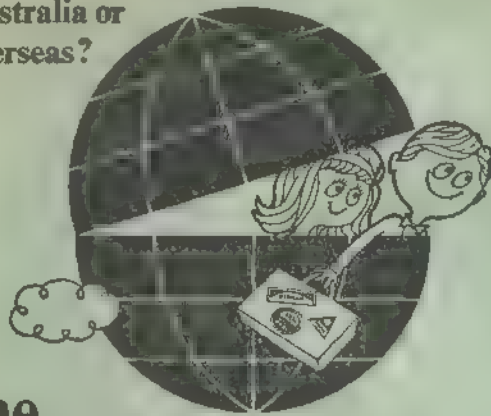
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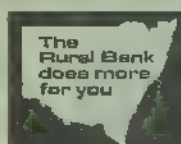
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— By Tony ("Hotspur") Horstead of the
"Daily Mirror"

I think possibly only once since I started as Hotspur have I missed out on getting my "Green Paper" — and I felt like a man who had left his money at home.

Like every other journalist I like to find out what somebody else thought of the games I watched.

More particularly to get an impression of the games I could not watch because it is still impossible to cover more than one at a time.

I also like to keep in touch with the overseas scene and what is happening interstate.

I also like to keep my blood pressure at a good rate by either laughing at or condemning or getting annoyed at what other people consider is the situation.

In soccer, of course. Because this is what we are more than just interested in.

Mutual enjoyment

It is the game we love. And "Soccer World" has for 10 years done a mighty job in keeping us informed.

I do not intend to mention anyone on the staff at all because at one time or another all have delighted me and all have made me either delirious with mirth or red with rage.

This is in print of course. So you can see how the "Green Paper" is an integral part of my life.

Together we have seen ups and downs, crises and celebrations as soccer has progressed in Australia.

Together we have been depressed and elated, frustrated or exuberant.

I trust this will continue for many more years.

Although I freely admit I would like to see us hav-

ing more and more mutual enjoyment and decreasing need for criticism as the game progresses.

Cheers!

Which I am convinced it will, despite the knockers and the misguided attempts of some people who want to put themselves and their interests before the game.

Because come what may, the game will steadily continue to grow in Australia despite all the mistakes our administrators may make from time to time.

Despite the attitude of certain players who cannot envisage a soccer ball without a \$ sign on it.

And in this advance the "Green Paper" will and must play its part.

As I have no doubt it will — informing, criticising, commenting and reporting the scene.

So many happy returns, my old friend and here's to an even more exciting next 10 years.

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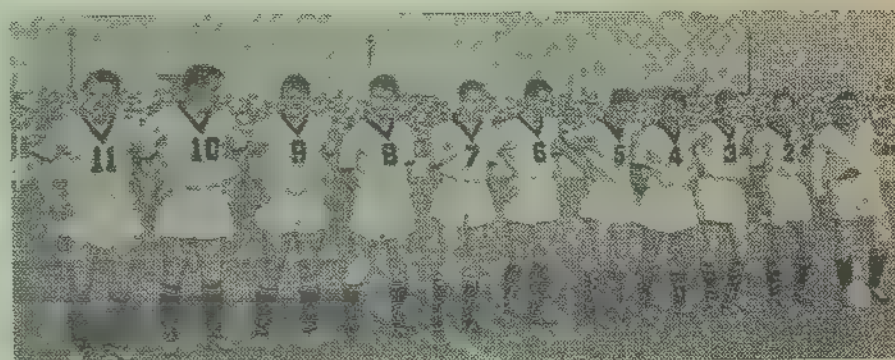
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1959
Championship:
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Grand Final:
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Ampol Cup:
PRAGUE
Federation Cup:
HAKOAH

1960
Championship:
PRAGUE
Grand Final:
CANTERBURY
Ampol Cup:
BUDAPEST
Federation Cup:
BANKSTOWN
Interstate Championship:
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Prague lining up at the Sportsground before their 6-3 victory over Hakoah in the 1961 Ampol Cup final. Prague have won the pre-season competition a record five times.

1961
Championship:
PRAGUE
Grand Final:
HAKOAH
Ampol Cup:
PRAGUE
Federation Cup:
HAKOAH

1962
Championship:
BUDAPEST
Grand Final:
HAKOAH
Ampol Cup:
PRAGUE
Federation Cup:
APIA
Australia Cup:
YUGAL
Interstate Championship:
NSW

1963
Championship:
PRAGUE
Grand Final:
SOUTH COAST
Ampol Cup:
YUGAL
Federation Cup:
HAKOAH
Australia Cup:
SLAVIA (Melb.)

1964
Championship:
APIA
Grand Final:
APIA
Ampol Cup:
PRAGUE
Federation Cup:
BUDAPEST
Australia Cup:
GEORGE CROSS (Melb.)
Interstate Championship:
NSW

1965
Championship:
SOUTH COAST
Grand Final:
APIA
Ampol Cup:
PRAGUE
Federation Cup:
HAKOAH
Australia Cup:
HAKOAH

1966
Championship:
APIA
Grand Final:
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Ampol Cup:
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Federation Cup:
APIA
Australia Cup:
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1967
Championship:
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Grand Final:
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APIA'S TURN NOW TO CHALLENGE HAKOAH

— By LOU GAUTIER —

It will be APIA's turn this weekend to attempt to end Hakoah's splendid, lengthy unbeaten record, which now stretches to 28 matches.

The result of the Hakoah-APIA match is of vital importance to Pan Hellenic. Hakoah's strongest challengers for the title, who also face a stiff task when they meet definite semifinal aspirant Yugal at Marks Field in front of another large crowd attracted by Takis Loukanidis.

The weekend is vital for just about every team, at each end of the ladder, what with only nine rounds remaining.

Our previews for the weekend:

Croatia v.

South Coast

Croatia have a score to settle here.

They were thrashed badly in the first round at Woonona and are still smarting over the seven goals they conceded.

By beating Manly last weekend, Croatia kept their semifinal hopes alive, but they can't afford to drop too many points until the end of the season.

South Coast, at Marks Field, shouldn't present an unsurmountable problem, especially as key men Giles and Curry, absent last weekend, should return to the fold.

Irrespective of how well they play at home, South Coast invariably perform pathetically in Sydney, and their poor "away" form will be Croatia's trump card.

Until South Coast infuse more imagination into their play and rely less on brawn, they remain a problem side, the despair of their large home following which expected bigger, brighter things from Jim Kelly's return.

St. George v. Melita Eagles

The only time Saints played a Saturday match at Hurstville, they defeated Canterbury 1-0.

Everything points to history repeating itself this weekend when they come up against Melita Eagles.

Since these two teams have scored the least in the First Division, there shouldn't be a glut of goals, but both teams are strong enough in defence to turn in sterling rearguard action which may more than make up for their lapses up front.

Saints are the more promising in attack, especially if the long overdue return to form of Australian skipper Johnny Warren eventuates.

Both forward-lines are a mixture of youth and experience, with the Melita attack boasting the more exciting youngsters in Smith and Wolowczyk.

Terry Thorne is starting to pay some dividends in his new team and he may be Saints' greatest threat.

In David Cliss, St. George have a match-winner, but he needs better support to swing the game the locals' way.

This match could go either way, but Melita's unimpressive "away" record, points to a narrow St. George victory or a low-scoring, perhaps scoreless, draw.

Yugal v. Pan Hellenic

The magical appeal of Takis Loukanidis with the Greeks will attract a huge crowd to Marks Field.

Despite the overwhelming support Pan Hellenic will enjoy from the thousands of fans who will come to applaud one of Greece's favorite sons, Yugal won't suffer any in-

feriority complex in facing Hakoah's stiffest challengers. Reputations mean nothing to Yugal, who always produce their best against the top teams.

Yugal have played themselves right into semifinal calculations in an amazing climb up the table.

Against Pan Hellenic, however, Yugal always find it hard to produce their best as they rarely manage to handle their opponents' all-action, bustling style.

Loukanidis showed tremendous promise last weekend.

It's easy to see why he was rated one of Greece's best-ever soccer players.

Given a few more weeks to get the "feel" of his new team and the pace of Sydney soccer, Loukanidis is certain to establish himself as one of the brightest stars on the local soccer firmament — and not only with his admiring compatriots.

Yugal's greatest problem on Sunday will be to curb the nippy Pan Hellenic forwards, a task which is not beyond their defence, which has played so well lately.

Though the match could go either way, we lean towards Pan Hellenic to win their fourth match in a row.

Polonia v. Manly

In the final analysis of this year's competition, last Saturday may go down as the day when Manly's relegation was consummated and Polonia's semifinal hopes dashed for good.

Victory last weekend was essential for both teams which are now on a very 'sticky' wicket.

Their clash at North Sydney Oval will be a real do-or-die effort which assumes tremendous importance.

ROUND 16

Defeat would dash Polonia's semifinal hopes permanently, while another Manly loss would bring them horribly close to instant-relegation, their promising earlier form notwithstanding.

Playing for such high stakes, the tension at North Sydney may be unbearable.

Both sides' dearth of forward talent — though Polonia are much better off in this department as they, at least have a Minol, Povey or a Krawiarz to fall back on — makes it pretty obvious that defences will dominate this cut-throat clash.

Polonia haven't won in their last six matches and have to do something drastic to arrest their downward trend, even if it's at hapless Manly's expense.

The home ground advantage should swing the game Polonia's way.

Hakoah v. APIA

Way back in August last year, APIA defeated Hakoah 3-2 in the second round of the 1967 championship.

Hakoah haven't tasted defeat since: they've gone through an incredible 28 games without losing.

APIA would dearly love to bring the competition leaders to their knees, but can the 1968 vintage APIA achieve a feat which has eluded all-comers for almost 11 months?

Though APIA deserve some consideration despite last week's shocker, we can't see them ending Hakoah's glorious unbeaten record on Sunday.

Hakoah's defence, for a start, appears far too solid for a forward-line which has not lived up to expectations this season.

Hakoah might not score five goals like at Woonona, but at the finish we would be very surprised if they were on the receiving end.

Watkins will be determined to play a sizzler against his former team, and he may well do just that now that he

seems to have regained most of his old brilliance at half-back, the position which suits him best.

This should be a no-holds-barred battle between old rivals who always turn in exciting, incident-packed tussles whenever they meet.

Hakoah gets our confident nod for yet another victory.

Canterbury v. Prague

This is the match which neither side can afford to lose, Canterbury if they want to stay well ahead of Manly — and relegation — and Prague if they are to maintain themselves in the "top four".

Prague won the first round match 6-0, but this was when they were quite irresistible and riding on the crest of an all-conquering wave.

Things have changed somewhat since. Prague lately have lost much of their earlier fluency and have had to struggle in many of their recent games.

The Berries are still in the convalescing stage, but their teamwork and spirit have improved, and they don't go down without a fight any more — just ask APIA, who found out first hand last week!

One thing is certain: Prague won't score six goals this time.

We'll even venture to say that all the Berries need for a shock result is more steadiness in attack and more forceful play on the wings.

Though Prague should win at Arlington, they'll know they've been playing at the end of the 90 minutes.

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VITAL STATISTICS

St. George v. Melita 2-1-0

The Saints must hang on to their slipping halo as Melita have caused some surprises away from home.

In the first round they played a 2-2 draw and another close struggle seems certain.

St. George's attack has a horrible record: at their seven home matches this year they have scored one goal or none each time.

Croatia v. S. Coast 1-3-7

The only Croatia win was in 1967, a nice 4-1; since then nothing but frustration, like the shattering 7-1 defeat in the first round.

Croatia have now collected 99 points in First Division — their century looks likely this weekend.

Yugal v. Pan Hellenic 2-5-6

The two Yugal wins were in 1962 and 1964, really ages ago but their recent form is too good not to be taken seriously.

Pan Hellenic last weekend celebrated their 75th First Division victory.

Polonia v. Manly 1-0-0

In the first round Polonia made it narrowly with a 2-1 win.

However, their recent form has been bad, as proved by their four successive defeats.

Manly play reasonably well away from Graham's Reserve — so don't be surprised if they force a draw.

Canterbury v. Prague 2-4-12

Prague's 150th championship win is imminent; no team has won more in Federation history.

In the first round they whipped the Berries 6-0 but since then have lost their sharpness.

Hakoah v. APIA 7-4-12

Will their stormy first round 2-2 draw be repeated here? Will Hakoah's long unbeaten record survive yet another challenge?

The three goals conceded at Woonona may indicate some defensive lapses — but their five scored must be heartening for their fans.

APIA are seldom convincing away from Lambert Park; lately not very convincing even there.

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TOLSON
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PATERSON

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M. ALAGICH
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PAN HELLENIC

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JOHNSTON
HIGNETT
WESTWATER
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BLITZ
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LOUKANIDIS
KARYANNIS
KAKAKIOS

POLONIA

DREWNIAK
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SKIBA
ADAMSON
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KULAK
KRAWIARZ
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McGRATH
BROOKS
JONES
CAMPBELL
JAGGER
NUTT
MALONEY
HENDRY
HUGHES
WALLER

CANTERBURY

DEMOPOULOS
WHITEHEAD
HARDY
STRIPELIS
TAYLOR
GALBRAITH
ROMANOS
KAUZ
HOOD
MASSI
NINAUS

PRAGUE

KING
HARCOMBE
TRACEY
BLACKER
ZEMAN
MOLNAR
GAUTO
MANUEL
SCHEINFLUG
HOGGART
ARMYTAG

HAKOAH

FUZES
STEWART
HILLSDON
WATKISS
MARNOCCH
D. YAAGER
FEKETE
SPILLAREWICZ
BARNETT
BAARTZ
JONES

APIA

TAYLOR
VAN BLERK
ACKERLEY
HUGHES
SAMBROOK
BOTTALICO
MCKINNON
CAMPANA
GIACOMINI
CAMPBELL
SLEONI

TEAM OF THE WEEK

DEMOPOULOS
(Canterbury)

JOHNSTON
(Pan Hellenic)

STRIPELIS
(Canterbury)

CAMPANA
(APIA)

REYNOLDS
(Croatia)

ZEMAN
(Prague)

SCHEINFLUG
(Prague)

CRNICH
(Yugal)

KOMODER
(Polonia)

BAARTZ
(Hakoah)

JONES
(Hakoah)

LEADING SCORERS

Baartz (Hakoah) 10
Alston (SCU) 9
McGarry (SCU) 9
Cliss (St. George) 8
Edwards (Yugal) 8
Karyannis (Pan Hellenic) 8
Smith (Pan Hellenic) 8
R. Cush (Croatia) 7
Krawiarz (Polonia) 7
G. Manuel (Prague) 7

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RESULT SCOREBOARD

FIRST DIVISION	APIA	St. George	Croatia	P. Hellenic	Hakoah	Canterbury	Prague	Polonia	Yugal	Melita Eagles	S. Coast Utd.	Manly
APIA	●	1-0	1-0	2-2	1-1	5-1	1-3					
St. George	1-1	●	1-4	1-1	0-2	1-0	1-3	1-2			1-0	
Croatia	1-1		●	0-3	0-2	2-2	3-1					2-0
Pan Hellenic			2-1	●	3-0	1-4	1-0	4-1	2-0	2-0	3-1	
Hakoah			3-0	2-0	●	3-1	4-3	0-0		3-1		
Canterbury	1-4				1-2	●			0-3	2-1	1-1	3-1
Prague		1-0				6-0	●	1-0	3-0	1-0	1-1	
Polonia	1-3		1-0	1-3		2-1	2-2	●	3-1	1-2	1-1	
Yugal	3-0	1-0	0-3		1-1		1-0		●	0-1	1-1	3-3
Melita Eagles	0-0	2-2	1-2		0-0			1-3	0-2	●		3-3
South Coast	3-1	0-1	7-1		3-5	7-2				2-0	●	1-2
Manly	3-3	0-3	0-2	0-1	0-3		1-2	1-2		0-1		●



ROUND THE WORLD

Europe's top scorers

Some of the top goalscorers in Europe last season were: Loehr (FC Koln — West Germany) 27 goals, Lennox (Celtic-Scotland) 32, Uriarte (Bilbao — Spain) 21, Prati (Milan — Italy) 15, Kindvall (Feyenoord — Holland) 28, Eusebio (Benfica — Portugal) 42, Dunai (Ujpest-Hungary) 36, Santrac (OFK Belgrade — Yugoslavia) 22, Sansonetti (Ajaccio — France) 27, Pavies (Linfield — Northern Ireland) 30, Best (Manchester United), Davies (Southampton), both of England, 28 goals each.

Dynamo in hot water

A recent article in Moscow's "Komsomolskaya Pravda" accuses Dynamo Kiev of pampering their players. The Soviet newspaper claims that Kiev officials secured the best apartments and cars for their players, most of whom were also allowed excessive time off from their jobs for holidays. The Soviet FA is expected to investigate the charges, which could lead to several long-term suspensions if corroborated.

Japan shows us how

The progressive Japanese are leaving no stone unturned to ensure a good showing at the Olympic Games. Their national team, 20 players strong, plus two coaches and two officials, will tour the USSR and Western Europe between July 13 and August 17. Japan will then fly to Kuala Lumpur for the Merdeka Tournament they are favored to win. Australia meanwhile . . .

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Iran won its first international success by winning the recent Asian Football Cup played in Teheran. Iran won a four-match round-robin from Israel, Hong Kong, Nationalist China and Burma.

● Testimonial matches are all the rage in Spain. The latest player to qualify for a rich, crowd-pulling testimonial is Atletico Madrid's skipper, Collar. In September Atletico will meet Estudiantes de la Plata in his honor.

● Since joining Inter Milan, Giacinto Facchetti, captain of the Italian national team which won the European Championship, has scored 32 goals — a world record for a fullback.

● Botafogo won the Rio de Janeiro championship. A crowd of 170,000 at the Maracana Stadium saw them beat Vasco de Gama 4-0 in the last round to clinch the title.

● Czechoslovakia's team at the Olympics will not include any "A" internationals — only young "hopefuls," under-23 internationals and a few leading junior internationals.

● Helenio Herrera will soon publish a new book called "My secret technique."

● Carrizo, River Plate's famous Argentinian international goalkeeper, is still active at the age of 42. Carrizo has been with the club for 25 years.

● Otto Gloria, Napoli's new coach, is on \$1,300 a month. He received a lump sum of \$20,000 when he joined the fabulously wealthy Neapolitan club.

● Joseph Jurion, one of Belgium's best players, will play for La Gantoise next season, ending a 10-year association with top club, Anderlecht.

● Maccabi Tel-Aviv won the Israeli championship, which is spread over two seasons like in Argentina.

● Bela Herczeg, the Hungarian coach who has been based in France for 12 years, is moving to Tunisia where he will coach leading club, Sousse.

● There will be two Corsican clubs in the French First Division next season. Bastia have won the Second Division and will join Ajaccio in top company in 1968-69. A third Corsican club, Gazelec, won the French amateur championship and have been promoted to the professional Second Division.

● Jose Nassazzi, captain of the Uruguayan World Champion team of 1930, has died in Montevideo at the age of 69.

● The BBC has just completed a 50-minute reportage on the Charlton brothers which has been sold to 11 countries — not to the ABC, though, we bet . . .

● The Spanish Soccer Pools in 1967-68 paid out a record \$2,750,000. Biggest winner was an Alicante laborer, who won \$110,000 in April.

● Torino won the Italian Cup, which was played this season as a four-team round-robin. Milan AC were the runners-up and Inter Milan and Bologna equal third.

● Brazil defeated Portugal 2-0 at Lourenco-Marques, the capital of the Portuguese colony of Mozambique.

● Zvezdan Cebinac, FC Nurnberg's Yugoslav international winger has opened a Serbian restaurant in Nuremberg. The opening ceremony was performed by former internationals Beara and Cajkovsky.

● Pierino Prati, Italy's top goalscorer last season received a \$2,000 cheque for his efforts and a gold cup worth \$1,500.

● Aimore Moreira, Brazil's national team manager, will take over the Brazilian amateurs at the Mexico Olympics.

● Bayern Munchen are meeting with considerable success in South America. They haven't lost yet in five matches and have beaten such big fish as Colo Colo, Cruzeiro, Vasco de Gama and Nacional.

● Each of the Hertha Berlin players was paid a \$3,000 bonus for regaining West German Bundesliga status next season.

● Fenerbahce added the Turkish Cup to the championship this season. The Istanbul club capped a very successful season by also winning the Balkans Cup, beating Greece's AEK Athens.

● Sweden could beat Denmark only 2-1 in Stockholm and the winning goal was scored by Tommy Nordahl, son of the legendary Gunnar, rated as the best ever Swedish centre forward.

● The English League championship starts on August 17 in all four divisions.

● World record in apathy? Could be. The average gate taking of Prestatyn in the Welsh League was \$4.40 a week.

● The Italian club Bologna is in trouble. After their poor season president Goldoni has resigned and technical manager Viani has been sacked.

● The UEFA, the European arm of the FIFA is considering a proposal that the best European team at the 1970 World Cup be given the title of "European Champions."

● The draws of the European Champions' Cup and Cupwinners' Cup will be made in Zurich, Switzerland this week.

● The Hungarian championship is halfway through and there is a few weeks of spell until August 3.

African Champions' Cup

The African Champions' Cup, won last season by the Engelbert club of Leopoldville (Congo Kinshasa), has now reached the quarter-final stage. The eight clubs still in the race in a competition which has drawn crowds of up to 50,000 spectators, are: Abaluhya (Somalia), Mourada (Ethiopia), Etoile Filante ("Shooting Star") of Togoland, Conakry II (Guinea), FAR (Morocco), the favorites, Kotoko (Ghana), Oryx Douala (Cameroons) and Africa Sports (Ivory Coast). The quarter-final draw is: Abaluhya v. Mourada, Etoile Filante v. Conakry II, FAR v. Kotoko, Oryx Douala v. Africa Sports.

United's record profit

Manchester United showed a record profit of \$600,000 for the 1967-68 season. This is \$200,000 more than the then record profit of Liverpool two seasons ago. United, however, will have to fork out \$220,000 in taxes to a grateful Wilson government.

Greaves stays with Spurs

Jimmy Greaves silenced rumors he was considering a transfer from Tottenham by signing a brand-new two-year contract last week. The new contract guarantees Greaves 10 per cent more a month and gives him an option for another two years, ensuring he can end his playing career with Spurs if he wishes.

Gornik's revenge

Gornik Zabrze turned the tables on Ruch, the Polish league champions, in the final of the Polish Cup. Gornik beat Ruch 3-0 in the final with three goals by Lubanski. Both teams will undertake a South American tour next month. Ruch, the 1967-68 Polish champions, averaged 30,000 spectators at their home matches last season and scored 56 goals in 26 matches. It was Ruch's first championship win for eight years.

Morocco, Guinea Olympic qualifiers

Morocco and Guinea have qualified for the Olympic Tournament in Mexico. Morocco beat Ghana 2-1 (first match 1-1) and Guinea defeated Algeria 3-2, after a 2-2 draw in their first encounter.

Happel will coach ADO

Ernst Happel, the great Viennese centre-half of some 20 years ago, will coach ADO (The Hague) next season. Happel is expected to lure some top class Austrian players back to Holland with him, including Rapid's international, Gransam.

Unusual goal

What a goal . . . In a second division match in Hungary between Kistext and Jaszbereny, a goalie took a goal-kick from the six-yard line. The kick hit his own fullback on the head, just outside the penalty box and rocketed back into the net — for a perfectly valid though rather upsetting own-goal.

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THE LAST 10 YEARS IN VICTORIAN SOCCER

— From BOB LOW —

Congratulations to "Soccer World" on their tenth birthday and who, since their humble beginnings, have made an outstanding contribution to the game by their frank and fearless editorial and copy which has been wholly designed at raising the standard of the code in all aspects and at all levels.

It is certain that without such a publication soccer in Australia would be much poorer today.

Although the majority of the copy which makes up the 20-page special of "Soccer World" for this issue will obviously deal with New South Wales and Australian soccer in general, Victoria must get into the act somewhere along the line even if only with a few brief parts on the run-down of the game over the past decade.

Right away I must say that in keeping with most of the other States, the standard of the game, its administration and its promotion have sunk to an all-time low in 1968 compared with the tremendous boost the game got in the early 1960s.

These were the days when Polonia and JUST were at their pinnacle.

Playing dazzling soccer, this pair almost cleared the boards of all local com-

petitions from 1960 until 1964.

Polonia, after several lean years since then, are on the come-back trail but JUST are now fighting for their very existence as a State League combine and with the season well advanced are favorites to make the "drop" into the First Division.

In recent years the league and cup successes have in the main been divided between two teams — Hellas with four league titles to their name in six years, including three in a row, and Slavia, with an Australia Cup, three Dockerty Cups and one Ampol Cup win in the past five years.

While the standard of State League soccer has taken a nosedive in recent years a peculiar aspect of the game is the fact that players' wages have risen considerably.

This situation is at present placing several clubs in financial jeopardy through paying players more than

they can afford — and more than they are worth.

Refereeing standards have shown no significant improvement in the past decade.

The biggest progress in Victorian soccer in the last decade has undoubtedly been in the ground positions.

In this respect, Victoria is way out in front of any other State in Australia with Olympic Park, Middle Park, St. Kilda, Maribynong, etc.

First class amenities exist at all these grounds except for the playing surfaces of most which suffered severely from the drought.

The four best players I consider as having played in Victorian soccer in the past 10 years are: Ed Janakowski, an inside-forward with Polonia, John Docherty also inside-forward with Slavia, Sjel De Bruyckere, an inside-forward with Wilhelmina and Des Palmer, a centre-forward who almost

won the 1963 Australia Cup final for Slavia single-handed.

INTER-STATE SOCCER

VICTORIAN RESULTS

Hakoah 3 (Kurta 2, Murney) d. Lions 0, Polonia 1 (Swoboda) d. Melbourne-HSC 0, Wilhelmina 1 (Wyatt) d. Slavia 0, Hellas v. Juventus 0-0, Alexander 1 (Fokianos) drew George Cross 1 (Gardiner), Croatia 3 (Glaser, Mackey, Adlam) d. JUST 2 (Kazi, McCorquodale).

VICTORIAN TABLE

Hakoah	8	2	3	25	14	18
Croatia	8	1	4	21	11	17
George Cross	6	5	2	27	16	17
Polonia	6	5	2	21	13	17
Hellas	6	5	2	24	15	17
Alexander	5	3	5	20	26	13
Slavia	4	4	5	16	16	12
Lions	4	4	5	11	15	12
Wilhelmina	4	5	6	18	18	11
Juventus	3	4	6	14	25	10
Melbourne	2	4	7	13	24	8
JUST	1	2	10	11	28	4

MELBOURNE PROGRAM

Saturday: Croatia v. Lions at Olympic Park, Wilhelmina v. Alexander at Ringwood, Juventus v. Slavia at St. Kilda.

Sunday: Hakoah v. Melbourne at Middle Park, George Cross v. JUST at Olympic Park, Polonia v. SM Hellas at Maribynong.

ADELAIDE RESULTS

Juventus 2 (Meneghelli, Herceg) v. Austria 0, Croatia 1 (Slager) v. Elizabeth 1 (Barnesley), Victoria 4 (Wright 3, Felton) v. Cumberland 0, Polonia 3 (Manka 2, Typek) v. Beograd 1 (Nowak own goal), Lions 3 (Nechvoglod, Bajnes, Nyskohus) v. Hellas 1 (Pantelis).

SA PREMIERSHIP TABLE

WA Hellas	17
USC Lion	16
Polonia	16
Juventus	14
Beograd	13
Croatia	12
Victoria	12
Austria	5
Elizabeth	3
Cumberland	2

ADELAIDE PROGRAM

Croatia v. Victoria — Hanson Reserve, Juventus v. Polonia — Olympic Sports Field, Austria v. WA Hellas — Croydon Park, Elizabeth City v. Beograd — Ramsay Park, USC Lion v. Cumberland — Hindmarsh Stadium.

QLD. TABLE

Hollandia	7	3	1	32	12	17
Azzurri	6	3	2	14	5	15
Merton	5	2	4	30	20	12
Grange Thistle	5	2	4	27	24	12
Hellenic	4	4	3	21	21	12
St. Helens	4	3	4	19	18	11
Polonia	4	1	6	14	20	8
Oxley	2	4	5	20	33	8
Coalstars	2	3	6	15	23	7
Latrobe	2	3	6	11	27	7

INTERSTATE SCORES

NEWCASTLE
Belmont-Swansea v. Toronto 2-1, Hamilton-Azzurri v. Weston 3-1, West Wallsend v. New Lambton 2-1, Adamstown v. Lake Macquarie 2-0, Wallsend v. Newcastle Austral 2-0.

QUEENSLAND
Hollandia v. Azzurri 1-0, St. Helens v. Polonia 3-1, Coalstars v. Oxley 2-2, Merton v. Grange-Thistle 6-3, Hellenic v. Latrobe 2-2.

W.A.
Kiev v. West Perth 3-1, Swan Valley v. Windmills 2-1.

A.C.T.
Juventus v. Olympic 2-0, Croatia v. Concordia 2-0, Monaro v. Queanbeyan 1-0, Burns Austral v. Cooma 3-1.

Standings: Juventus 20, Monaro 16, Olympic 13, Croatia 12, Concordia 12, Burns Austral 10, Queanbeyan 7, Cooma 4.

WITH THE AMATEURS

NSW HIGH SCHOOLS TOO STRONG FOR US VISITORS

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

After a first half in which the New England (USA) school representative team backpedalled skillfully to hold NSW High Schools to a 2-0 lead, the State team peppered the visitors' goal to run away to a 9-0 win at Sydney Athletic Field last Saturday night.

Scorers were T. Howell (4), D. Bright (3), G. Byles (1), and P. Flynn (1).

The Americans' first half display was remarkable in that they managed to defend successfully by concentrating on the ball without using normal shoulder charges.

"You'll have to be more physical," was their coach's half-time instructions.

The Americans were drawn from nine High Schools in New England State.

Each player had to find \$1,100 fares for the Pacific tour, which was planned to build interest in High School soccer, and develop players for the American League club, the Boston Beacons.

Every player in the party is American-born.

They have played in Hawaii, American and Western Samoa, New Zealand, Australia, and now on to Fiji, as well as in Chicago and San Francisco.

To date New England has recorded three wins, one draw, and four losses.

Manager of the party is soccer-dedicated wisap of a Welshman, Trevor Pugh.

Although unable to gain professional status as a player in the UK, Pugh played for New Zealand against many touring teams, and played for the Kiwis on their 1964 World tour.

He spent last August in Lancashire, England, and apart from heading skills, rates the NSW High School players as better than those he saw in the U.K.

His vision is for reciprocal visits across the Pacific.

Although aware that there is more money in the US for such tours than in Australia, Pugh optimistically believes that if you start something worthwhile the foundation is there to build upon.

He is fully dedicated to a number of projects:

● The American Sports Ambassadors program, which encourages American teams to play abroad.

● Replacement of the two-month school soccer season in the fall with a five-month season.

● USA-England championships at schoolboy level, and a US National Schools Association.

● "Sand lot Soccer," to replace the habit of introducing soccer at secondary level with a complete "mini-league set-up" to give players from six years of age ball skills, but not competitive football.

● In addition to school duties, Pugh is on the staff of Boston Beacons, who aim to field more American-born players in their teams.

Recently Pugh was master coach for a soccer course for 215 New England high school boys.

A man of quiet demeanour, vision and even wisdom, the New England and the Boston Beacons are fortunate people to have gained his services.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION
Belmore v. East Side-MTK 1-3 3-0
Blacktown v. S. Sydney 0-3 3-5
Ryde v. Wentworth 0-4 1-6
Lidcombe v. Artarmon 2-4 2-2
NSW Uni. v. Thistle 3-4 2-1
Marrickville v. Concordia 1-1 4-0

SECOND DIVISION
Riverside v. Yagoona 4-3 7-0
Arncliffe v. Sydney Uni. 3-0 4-1
St. Marys v. Enmore 2-0 6-1
Kewpies v. Gymea 4-1 8-1
Auburn v. Penrith 3-2 6-0
Guildford v. Warringah 3-4 2-2

THIRD DIVISION
Dee Why v. Revesby 2-3 2-0
All Stars v. W. Ryde 3-3 1-1
Rovers v. Pfield-Kiev 6-0 8-1

FOURTH DIVISION
Central Utd. v. Ctown 2-5 0-3
Maroubra v. Beverly Hills 3-4 1-2
Liverpool E. v. Newtown 0-3 2-0

THIS WEEKEND

SATURDAY, JULY 13
First Division: South Sydney v. Blacktown, Booralea Park, Artarmon v. Lidcombe, Artarmon Oval, Thistle v. NSW Uni., Bankstown Soccer Centre.
Second Division: Sydney Uni. v. Arncliffe Scots, St. Paul's Oval.
Fourth Division: Chelsea v. Maroubra, Moore Park, Campbelltown v. Liverpool Eagles, Campbelltown Showground.

SUNDAY, JULY 14
First Division: East Side-MTK v. Belmore, Moore Park, Wentworth v. Ryde, Jones Park, Concordia v. Marrickville, Steel Park.
Second Division: Enmore v. St. Marys, Mackay Park, Gymea v. Kewpies, Graves Point, Yagoona v. Riverside, Ryde v. O'Neill Park, Penrith v. Auburn Juniors, Jamison Park, Warringah Saints v. Guildford, Dee Why Oval.
Third Division: Revesby Workers v. Dee Why, Armour Park, West Ryde v. All Stars, Meadowbank No. 3, Fairfield-Kiev v. Rovers Juniors, Knights Park.
Fourth Division: Prospect v. Padstow Park, Jardine Park, Newtown Progressives v. Kuring-gai, Outer Westworth Park, Beverly Hills v. Central United, Beverly Hills Oval.

Sydney Juniors

RESULTS

Under-16: Norths 3 d. Kuring-gai 0; St. George 4 d. Gladesville 0; Canterbury 2 d. Bankstown 0; Sutherland 3 d. Wests 1; Southern Districts 5 d. Manly 0.
Under-15: Granville 1 drew Kuring-gai 1; Gladesville 5 d. St. George 2; Bankstown 1 d. Easts 0; Sutherland 1 d. Wests 0; Nepean 1 drew Manly 1.
Under-14: Granville 8 d. Kuring-gai 0; Gladesville 1 d. St. George 0; Bankstown 7 d. Canterbury 0; Sutherland 3 d. Wests 1; Manly 6 d. Nepean 3.

UNDER-16
Southern Dist. 10 2 1 48 5 22
Bankstown 10 1 3 51 18 21
St. George 9 3 2 43 19 21
Canterbury 8 1 4 38 22 17
Sutherland 7 1 6 29 28 15
Norths 4 3 7 15 29 11
Gladesville 4 1 9 30 45 9
Wests 4 1 8 16 23 8
Manly 2 2 10 13 52 6
Kuring-gai 1 2 9 10 33 4

UNDER-15
Bankstown 13 1 — 46 12 27
Gladesville 11 1 2 51 17 23
Easts 8 4 2 28 17 20
Wests 7 2 4 26 15 16
Sutherland 5 2 8 18 32 12
Granville 4 3 7 23 29 11
St. George 5 1 8 28 47 11
Manly 2 4 8 12 25 8
Nepean 2 2 10 14 30 6
Kuring-gai 1 2 10 9 25 4

UNDER-14
Sutherland 12 1 1 53 13 25
Bankstown 12 — 2 90 12 24
Gladesville 10 — 4 50 17 20
Manly 9 1 3 45 15 19
Granville 4 3 6 22 41 11
Canterbury 4 3 6 14 41 11
Wests 3 3 6 13 27 9
St. George 2 3 9 20 50 7
Nepean 2 2 10 26 56 6
Kuring-gai — 2 11 10 63 2

S. A. SCENE BLOWS UP

— From ALLAN CRISP in Adelaide —

The peace and tranquility of SA's 1968 league season was shattered with thundering impact last week.

Only an attempted boycott had marred previous rounds, but on Saturday, Lion's shock 3-1 defeat of WA Hellas sparked a crowd demonstration against a linesman and caused ugly crowd fights.

The real sensations and most disturbing happenings of the week, however, emerged from two decisions involving the Federation Disciplinary Committee.

Beograd - Woodville coach, Peter Jaksa, made statements to the press about the DC's handling of a charge against forward Dence Temelkowski.

Jaksa claimed that Temelkowski was not allowed an interpreter at the hearing when he was suspended for two matches.

Jaksa was subsequently severely reprimanded by the Executive and the Beograd club was fined \$25.

This Federation censorship of a coach contrasts sharply with the attitude of Australian Rules Football administration towards their coaches and the press.

Glenelg coach, Neil Kerley and Port Adelaide coach, Fos Williams are permitted to write for Adelaide dailies.

And the same week that Jaksa was reprimanded for talking to the press, Victorian footballer-coach, Ron Barassi, said in Adelaide that, "Australian sports administrators were the worst in the world."

The DC, indirectly involved in the Jaksa affair, were the prime movers of the second sensation.

The committee had suspended Polonia striker, Eddy Typek, for two matches, but on the eve of last Saturday's Polonia-Beograd match it upheld an appeal

from Polonia and allowed Typek to play.

Polonia's appeal was based on the admission of new evidence.

The DC, in upholding the appeal, have set a dangerous precedent.

The way is now clear for clubs to lodge appeals against suspensions of key players on the eve of "needle" games.

Bitter Vic. attack

● Continued from page 2.

Study the ASF accounts for the last year and see what they spent their money on.

\$22,000 on touring teams in Asia, including \$17,165 for the tour to Saigon and \$4,100 on the under-23 tour.

No income was received from Saigon in spite of the huge gates — why? — I don't suppose the ASF even bothered to enquire.

This tour achieved nothing for Australian soccer, it may have achieved goodwill for Australia in South Vietnam, but this is not our function.

If the Australian Government want us to make a goodwill tour they should pay for it.

In addition to this \$22,000, the ASF spent \$5,911 on organising executive committee meetings, \$3,246 on overseas travel for officials etc., but out of a total expenditure of \$59,302 they only spent \$2,274 to subsidise coaching, and 25% of that was spent in Papua-New Guinea, and they subsidised the Youth Carnival to the tune of \$2,115 after the States spent \$7,100 between them.

The next expensive adventure already committed is our entry into the World Cup.

I have no objection to this provided the funds to be used are raised in the same way as the Olympic Association raises the money to finance Australia's team to the Olympic Games.

We cannot afford it any other way.

The ASF is like a luxury liner built without rudder, it is going nowhere in the grand, expensive manner.

Before it is too late I hope it can be re-constituted, but also before it is too late we must plan our own destiny, and start organising our visiting teams for next season, and take the initiative in this matter.

The true function of the ASF is that of co-ordinating body of the States imposed on us by the international organisation.

Any other function it undertakes is by the sanction of the States, and if it fails in any function it should be removed.

Until by its quality of leadership it demonstrates its true capacity, we should not risk our future in its hands.

Cardiff 6-1 in Perth

Cardiff City scored four goals in the first half hour and gave Western Australia a crowd of 10,000 a soccer lesson when it won 6-1 in the last match of its Australian tour at Perth's Perry Lakes Stadium last Sunday.

Late in the second half referee Dave Ferguson sent the Welsh midfielder player, Norman Dean, from the field on charges of foul and abusive language.

Last year Manchester United's Denis Law also was sent from the field by referee Roy Stedman for the same reason.

Competition Tables FIRST DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Prague	12	—	2	40	10	24
APIA	10	3	1	40	14	23
SCU	10	—	4	44	20	20
Croatia	7	3	4	20	24	17
Melita Eagles	8	—	6	38	23	16
Hakoah	7	1	6	23	12	15
St. George	7	1	6	27	24	15
Pan Hellenic	7	—	7	25	21	14
Polonia	3	3	8	23	38	9
Canterbury	4	1	9	17	43	9
Manly	2	—	12	16	39	4
Yugal	1	—	13	6	42	2

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Croatia	10	2	2	32	13	22
Prague	9	2	3	28	17	20
St. George	8	3	3	22	17	19
Pan Hellenic	7	4	3	19	10	18
Hakoah	7	2	5	24	20	16
Canterbury	6	4	4	24	22	16
SCU	6	3	5	30	18	15
Yugal	4	5	5	24	24	13
Melita Eagles	5	2	7	31	35	12
APIA	4	2	8	15	23	10
Manly	1	2	11	14	37	4
Polonia	1	1	12	16	39	3

SECOND DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bankstown	11	1	2	38	15	23
Auburn	10	2	2	35	15	22
Western Subs.	10	1	3	41	17	21
Sutherland	8	3	3	28	23	19
Marconi	6	4	4	26	15	16
Balgownie	5	4	5	24	18	14
Granville	6	2	6	31	33	14
NS-Inter	5	2	7	18	35	12
N. Bankstown	4	2	8	22	37	10
Corinthians	4	1	9	17	29	9
Hornsby-NE	1	2	11	25	42	4
Lane Cove	2	—	12	17	44	4

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Western Subs.	13	1	—	48	6	27
Bankstown	10	2	2	53	15	22
Balgownie	10	1	3	38	13	21
Sutherland	9	1	4	39	22	19
Marconi	8	3	3	24	14	19
Auburn	5	5	4	31	22	15
Hornsby-NE	7	1	6	24	28	15
Granville	4	1	9	29	42	9
Lane Cove	4	—	10	13	53	8
N. Bankstown	1	4	9	17	36	6
Corinthians	2	2	10	13	35	6
NS-Inter	—	1	13	17	57	1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bankstown	13	—	1	65	10	26
Western Subs.	11	2	1	66	12	24
Sutherland	10	3	1	64	17	23
N. Bankstown	9	2	3	31	16	20
Granville	8	2	4	39	30	18
Auburn	6	1	7	36	34	13
Balgownie	5	2	7	26	29	12
Hornsby-NE	5	1	8	23	27	11
Lane Cove	3	1	10	21	50	7
Marconi	3	—	11	10	46	6
Corinthians	2	1	11	13	87	5
NS-Inter	1	1	12	18	48	3

INTER-SUBURBAN

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Wentley	11	1	3	45	15	23
Artamon	7	7	1	34	16	21
Marrickville	7	8	3	38	21	19
Thistle	8	2	5	36	22	18
Concordia	7	4	4	28	24	18
Sih. Sydney	7	2	4	20	15	16
Balmore	4	6	5	25	28	14
East Side-MTK	6	1	7	31	29	13
Blacktown	5	1	9	24	44	11
Uni. NSW	3	2	7	19	36	8
Lidcombe	3	1	10	17	37	8
Ryde	1	2	10	10	36	4

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Guildford	12	—	3	48	14	24
Riverside	12	—	2	42	26	24
Enmore	9	3	3	47	19	21
Warringah	9	3	3	46	22	21
Yagoona	9	2	4	29	22	20
St. Marys	7	1	6	37	36	15
Auburn	7	—	8	27	34	14
Arncliffe	5	1	9	22	32	11
Penrith	3	4	8	30	47	10
Kewpie	3	2	10	21	33	8
Sydney Uni.	2	4	9	21	41	8
Gymea	1	—	13	15	59	2

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Rovers	9	—	2	52	12	18
Condell Park	8	1	2	33	15	17
G'ville-H'by	6	2	3	28	14	14
All Stars	6	2	3	29	21	14
Revesby	6	—	5	26	30	12
East Why	3	3	5	22	23	9
West Ryde	3	2	6	24	29	8
Greenacre	1	1	7	18	55	3
F'field-Kiev	1	1	8	15	48	3

	W	D	L	F	A	P
C'belltown	11	—	1	45	17	22
Liverpool	7	1	3	27	17	15
Beverly Hills	6	3	3	32	26	13
Newtown	6	2	4	29	22	14
Padstow Park	5	3	4	35	34	13
Maroubra	4	1	6	23	31	9
Cheslee	3	3	6	18	38	9
Prospect	3	2	7	21	22	8
Ku-ring-gai	3	1	8	33	35	7
Central Utd.	2	2	8	17	38	6

LAST WEEK'S

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Pan Hellenic v. Polonia	3-0	5-0				
Manly v. Croatia	1-2	2-3				
Melita v. Yugal	4-0	4-3				
SCU v. Hakoah	0-1	0-1				
Prague v. St. George	2-1	0-0				
APIA v. Canterbury	6-1	1-0				

	W	D	L	F	A	P
West v. Auburn	1-0	3-1	3-3			
Corinth v. Hornsby	3-1	1-2	1-5			
B'own v. NS-Int.	3-0	6-1	6-0			
S'land v. Lane C.	4-1	2-1	8-0			

SYDNEY SECOND DIVISION

SPOTLIGHT AGAIN ON AUBURN THIS WEEKEND

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

Western Suburbs joined the battle for promotion when they toppled former leaders Auburn last weekend.

The defeat of Auburn enabled Bankstown to regain the lead when they defeated North Sydney-Inter convincingly.

There are only two points separating the three top teams and as the season progresses, the fight for promotion is bound to intensify.

Only four games were played over the weekend, highlights of which are reported below:

Centre-half Johnny Bjorker once again gave a very good display for Wests and was easily the best man on the field.

Wests' decisive goal came in the 74th minute when Greg Woods converted a splendid pass by Cassidy on the wing.

Wests: Horrigan; Bastion, Apostilidis; Holmes, Bjorker, Whyte; Cassidy, Harrison, Woods (1), Pont, Nudley.

Auburn: Brommett; Smith, Haggert; Entwistle, Thompson, Keen; Allan, Nowacki, Moffatt, Crocker, O'Neill.

Cove did was to defend grimly.

After the interval, Lane Cove broke away a few times, but Sutherland were never in any danger.

Sutherland: Quinn; Paterson, Watts; Corfield, O'Reilly, Griffiths; Roche (1), Davidson (1), O'Brien, Cucitti (1), Gillham (1).

Lane Cove: Lee; Brown, Gamble; Nadj, Bertineti, Aird (1), Carter, Cooper, Thomas, Courts, Mitchell.

Western Suburbs v. Auburn 1-0

In a fast and entertaining game at Drummoyne Oval, Western Suburbs deserved to win both points.

Auburn played below their best but were unlucky not to lead when a rocket-drive by Moffatt hit the crossbar with the 'keeper beaten.

Sutherland v. Lane Cove 4-1

Sutherland were too strong for Lane Cove and came out easy winners.

In the first half, with the breeze behind them, Sutherland completely dominated the game and all Lane

TIPSTERS' CORNER

THIS WEEKEND'S MATCHES

	PAUL DEAN	LOU GAUTIER	MARCEL NAGY	KEITH GILMOUR	CHARLES SPITERI	MOST FAV.
St. George v. Melita	1	x	1	1	x	1
Croatia v. SCU	1	1	x	1	1	1
Yugal v. Pan Hellenic	x	2	2	2	2	2
Polonia v. Manly	1	1	1	1	1	1
Canterbury v. Prague	2	2	2	2	2	2
Hakoah v. APIA	1	1	1	1	1	1
Wests v. North Bankstown	1	1	1	1	1	1
Granville v. Marconi	x	1	x	1	1	1
Lane Cove v. Corinthians	2	2	2	2	2	2
Hornsby-NE v. Bankstown	2	2	2	2	2	2
Balgownie v. NS-Inter	1	1	1	1	1	1
Auburn v. Sutherland	1	1	1	1	1	1

How they tipped: Gilmour 91; Gautier 88; Dean, Nagy 83; Spiteri 82.

SYDNEY PROGRAM

THIS WEEKEND

SATURDAY, JULY 13

St. George v. Melita Eagles — Hurstville Oval
Croatia v. South Coast — Marks Field
Canterbury v. Prague — Arlington Oval
Western Suburbs v. North Bankstown — Drummoyne Oval

SUNDAY, JULY 14

Yugal v. Pan Hellenic — Marks Field
Polonia v. Manly — North Sydney Oval
Hakoah v. APIA — Wentworth Park
Granville v. Marconi — Macarthur Park
Lane Cove v. Corinthians — Pottery Green
Hornsby-NE v. Bankstown — Pennant Hills Oval
Balgownie v. NS-Inter — Balgownie Oval
Auburn v. Sutherland — Mona Park

NEXT WEEKEND

SATURDAY, JULY 20

Croatia v. Polonia — Marks Field
APIA v. SCU — Lambert Park
Bankstown v. Lane Cove — Bankstown Soccer Centre

SUNDAY, JULY 21

Pan Hellenic v. St. George — Wentworth Park
Melita Eagles v. Canterbury — Mona Park
Manly v. Yugal — Graham Reserve
Prague v. Hakoah — Marks Field
Corinthians v. Auburn — Jubilee Oval
Balgownie v. Hornsby-NE — Balgownie Oval
Sutherland v. North Bankstown — Seymour Shaw Park
Western Suburbs v. Marconi — Drummoyne Oval
NS-Inter v. Granville — Macarthur Park

Sydney second, third grades

SECOND GRADE

Pan Hellenic 3: Kalogoropoulos; Walker, Nicolopoulos; Hanson (1), Mallard, Patrinos; Smith (1), Vrolyks, Gallacher (1), Bardetta, Demos.

Polonia 0: Fraser; Fryar, Tomaszewski; Dougan, Melish, Oliver; Hanley, Constable, McAllister, Prokurat, Bazak.

Referee: R. Scott.

Manly 1: Gee; Hobart, Brown (o.g.); Langelaar, Hutchinson, Stocks; Bartlett, Ridding, Parker, Ripley (1), Doham (1).

Croatia 2: Easter; Stevenson, Woods; Stuart, Brian, Longmuir; Barboutis, Johnson, Williamson, Frakes (1), Groll.

Referee: E. Truppe.

South Coast 0: Ramage; Kerr, Newson; Sheppard, Carr, Grant; Freeman, McLeod, Newman, Beard, Tolhurst.

Hakoah 1: Wilson; Jeffrey, Sutherland; Migliascio, Brown, Gardiner; Edwards, Keddie (1), Harivel, Walsh, Holleman.

Prague 2: Earl; Stephenson, McLaughlin; Parkhouse, Rootsey, Lissing; R. Manuel, Lowry (1), Janek, Miner, Reilly (Wilcox 1).

St. George 1: Hopkins; Giovanni, Bird; Bushby, Cox, Kane; Rees, Nowakowski, Stegbauer, McCalliog, Fernandez (1).

Referee: B. Thompson.

APIA 6: McQuire; Callaghan, W. Burnett; D. Parkin, C. Parkin, Di Leonardo; Pedulla, Keddie (2), Dickinson (3), Muir, G. Burnett (1).

Canterbury 1 (o.g.): Lindridge, Paul; Munton, Domey, Raeburn, Akers; Como, Champion, French; Rinos, Hewitt, Harris, Gordon, Salerno, Wood.

Referee: T. Davies.

Melita Eagles 4: Stern (Spiteri); Hunter, Watts, A. Arrighi, Cooper, Smith; Ousted (2), Price, R. Arrighi, Brennan (1), Nemel (1).

Yugal 0: Milojevic; Cirkanic, G. Clancy; Anastasi, P. Clancy, Marinovic; Bert, Grbavski, Glavan, Jurisic, Maletin.

Referee: F. Johns.

THIRD GRADE

Pan Hellenic 5: McClure; Langdon, Adams, Haggert, Hedge, Dimitriades; Coeltho, (1), Petratos (2), Huntley, Tillacos (2), Sotos.

Polonia 1: Rosser; Henretty, Davis; Bazak, Tansley, Wellings; Irwin, Watson, Blaszcak, Chodkiewicz (1), Parkin.

Referee: P. Wilkinson.

Manly 2: Ryall; Highly, Murnane; Slade, Wilson, Burns; Woods, Jansma, Russell (1), Bayliss (1), Grant.

Croatia 3: Barboutis; Carr, Costello; Low, Thompson (1), Slater (2); Zanetti, Ross, Dalferno, Foster, Sanders.

Referee: P. McFarland.

South Coast 0: Radburn; Freeman, Bott; Whitefield, C. Vangelovitch, McDuff, Krampe, Conlin, Tuckerman, Jones, T. Vangelovitch.

Hakoah 1: Denk; McIlveen, Kovacic; Szegedi, Round, G. Reichard; Berger (Krubek), Ams (1), Taylor, Siddons, Carr.

Prague 0: Blacklaw; Butt, Spinks; Clarke, Zenari, Parkhouse; Steffe, Franklin, Anasis, Petty, Perry.

St. George 0: Ball; Gibbs, Cox; Denman, Stead, Lewis; Screen, Harris, Freer, Rogers, Treasure.

Referee: E. Craggs.

APIA 1: Seymour; Staples, Lee; McNamara, Russell, Clocciatti; Fedele (1), Butler, Gray, Blue, McKenzie.

Canterbury 0: Collins; Eldridge, Paul; Munton, Domey, Haggert; Piggott; Thompson, Seymour, Thompson, Salerno.